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Home loans rate rises to

By Lindsay Cook, Nicholas Wood and Christopher Warman

Mortgage rates look certain to rise across the board after the Abbey National, the second biggest lender, lifted its rate to record levels yesterday.

The Abbey, which is now a limited company, increase to 15.4 per cent from March 1, the highest mortgage rate ever for a mainstream lender.

Only last Friday, the company closed an offer under which it paid £200 towards the costs of borrowers wanting to transfer their loans because rates were too high elsewhere.

Building societies are expected to have similar increases in place by the beginning of next month, with some announcements expected this week. Nationwide Anglia conceded that a rise was inevitable; and the Halifax said that while it would not have raised rates yet, it would now have to consider

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on my screen. Every minute he visited, we were that much closer to unmasking him." The tale of how an alleged KGB agent was tracked down via computer is told in our four-page Science & Technology section, beginning on page 37

 Just when you thought about going swimming ... we report on the latest trends in indoor and outdoor pools. See page 41

Portfolio

 There were no valid claims for yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize. which therefore. accumulates. Today's chance for you to win

£4,000 appears on

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NFU rebuff

British farmers at the final session of the NFU annual general meeting yesterday poured scorn on organic farm ing as a fringe activity which could never replace an agri-culture based on chemical fertilizers and pesticides if the nation's food needs were to be

Romania crisis

A mutiny inside the armed forces intensified yesterday and crack paratroopers guarding the television headquarters were prevented by student vigilantes from obeypremises. The students formed a human chain around

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Building societies set to follow Abbey lead

This is the fifth increase within 18 months for the 9.1 million people with mortges, and will be a particularly severe blow to those who bought their homes when the rate was only 9.25 per cent in the summer of 1988. Someone borrowing £60,000 then would announced a 0.9 point have paid £473.01 a month. They will now have to pay £679.18, while the value of

> by as much as 20 per cent. Opposition spokesmen seized on the plight of such buyers to attack the Government's high interest rate policy. Mr Alan Beith, the Democrats'

Leading article.

Treasury spokesman, said the dream of home ownership had been turned into a tragedy for many people; and Mrs Mar-garet Beckett, shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said: "This is very frightening, particularly for thousands already in serious arrears."

The growing problem of arrears was highlighted immediately before the Abbey's announcement, with the Council of Mortgage Lenders reporting that some 58,000 payments in December.

The increase was greeted with dismay by Conservatives bracing themselves for disastrous results in next month's Mid-Staffordshire by-election and the May council elections. Abbey National share The Tories are battling to contain Labour's 15-point lead in the opinion polls, and another poll yesterday in-dicated that the Government's 14,650 majority in the West Midlands seat would be

demolished. With householders facing big poll tax demands and water rate increases of up to 30 per cent, Mr Anthony Beau-mont-Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, said: "If it's not the nail in the coffin, it's certainly the lid."

Ministers' main concern will be that higher housing costs will fuel higher wage demands. If other lenders follow the Abbey's example, the higher cost of mortgages will add 0.3 points to the retail price index, now standing at 7.7 per cent. However, Government sources insisted that its policy aimed at damping

vn inflation was working.

their homes may have fallen Estate agents described the announcement as a "Valentine's Day massacre" for the housing market, and predicted that prices would fall further.

The Abbey's decision to raise its mortgage rate is the result of the battle for savers' money. Mr John Bayliss. managing director of retail operations, said that savings rates had not been competitive since last May, and the banks' share of the savings market had risen from 33 per cent to 49 per cent last year.

The Abbey will now offer a top rate of around 12 per cent on its 90-day notice account. Such a rate will compel building societies to move quickly if they are not lose funds.

Mr Bayliss denied that the surprise announcement was because the Abbey had con-verted to a public company and had to serve the interests of shareholders; but the hous-ing market analyst Mr John Wriglesworth of Phillips & Drew, said: "I doubt if before they had gone plc they would have taken the lead in putting the mortgage rate up.

closed at 180p up 1/2p. The 15.4 per cent rate will apply to loans up to £60,000, while the interest on bigger loans will rise by 0.85 points

to 14.75 per cent. While the Abbey's 1.3 million borrowers will have to pay the increase from March i, many homebuyers will not feel the affect until April next year as increases are im-plemented annually.

The high street banks said yesterday they had no plans to increase rates.

ABBEY NATIONAL MORTGAGE RATE CHANGES

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Supreme Soviet hands rebuff to Gorbachov

create an executive presidency failed to attract sufficient support in the Supreme Soviet. Mr Gorbachov had proposed a special meeting of the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies later this month to endorse the change, but the Supreme Soviet, on

the opening day of its spring session, did not muster the necessary two-thirds majority and the matter was postponed. Mr Gorbachov had suggested the change in an at-

a serious political deseat yes- implementation of his eco-terday when his proposal to nomic and political reforms.But Supreme Soviet deputies were suspicious of the power that an executive presidency would have in

Gorbachov defeat...

vested in one person. The reported death toll in the Central Asian republic of Tajikistan rose yesterday to 45 since Sunday with a claim that eight people had been killed when troops opened fire in Dushanbe, the capital.

Mandela backs **Rottweilers** guerrilla raids

attack boys From Nicholas Beeston, Soweto

Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday the stability of the country condoned African National But in an interview with ABC Renewed calls for the banning of potentially vicious breeds Congress guerrilla attacks on of dog were made yesterday "government installations" after three Rottweilers atand admitted that civilians tacked children at a school in could get "caught up in the crossfire". Four children were hurt,

The remarks, in an interview in the garden of his Soweto home, were the most controversial since his release from prison on Sunday. Asked about fears in the white community that the ANC would continue its armed struggle and whether his guerrillas would target white shopping centres, Mr Mandela replied: "We are

concerned with government installations."

Meanwhile, President de
Klerk said, in his first public comments since the release of Mr Mandela, that the South African state of emergency could be lifted in a matter of

days or weeks depending on

the final straw came yesterday when the third juror said the stress of the trial and

been told that a fourth juror faced

In the case, which opened on Monday, Mr Saunders and, his three co-defendants deny 24 counts alleging theft, false, accounting and breaches of the Companies Act. Charged with Mr Saunders are Mr Gerald Ronson, chairman of the Heron Corporation, the City stock-broker Mr Anthony Parnes and the

Perrier taken off the shelves worldwide



Oil companies cleared of petrol price cartel

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

UK pump prices were not

In fact, the commission

investigation discovered that

January, 1989 prices were 12

percent lower than in the same

month in 1968 and similar to

prices in 1973, prior to the

Britain's leading oil comprices were also found to fall panies were yesterday cleared as quickly as they were raised, answering allegations that the oil companies were quick to of operating a cartel to fix the price of petrol in a complete exoneration of their garage forecourt activities by the Monopolies and Mergers put up prices when spot markets moved against them, but slow to cut them for the

Leading article

Smooth oil ride.

Details in full.

Commission. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Industry, accepted the findings of the 470-page report compiled by the commission after 16 Political sketch. months' investigation and decided to make no recommendations for change.

The commission decided that there was "no evidence of collusion between com-panies" and that petrol companies were not profiteering at

the public's expense. Instead, it found that profits on petrol wholesaling had been no more than "mod-crate" in recent years while prices were governed by inter-

Ban call as

By Mark Souster

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Stopford School, Enfield, as

Mr David Heathcoat-

Amory, junior environment

minister, told the Commons

that a possible solution to the

problem of dog attacks would

be to compel owners to ensure

their dogs had name tags. He

said the system operated in Northern Ireland and could be

introduced on the mainland.

Mr Jan Eachus, RSPCA

chief inspector and an expert

on dangerous dogs, called for

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registration of all dogs.

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national oil spot prices. Pump first significant increases in crude oil prices. The report was greeted with

surprise and disappointment by motoring organizations and the Petrol Retailers Association, which claimed that the report would deny improvements in competition leading to lower prices for Britain's 21 million motorists.

out of line with those in the Chub said last night: "It is bad news for the motorist because it demolishes the hope that there will be increased competition among the oil com-panies leading to lower petrol rest of Europe, and the report said that consumers had a range of prices and standards from which to choose.

The Commons Trade and Industry committee, which has persistently campaigned for a commission inquiry into petrol price rigging is ex-pected to consider whether to carry out a fresh investigation of its own later this year.

But in an interview with ABC

News, Mr de Klerk served

warning that the measures

would remain in force while

unrest continued, particularly

dreds have been made home-

clashes over the past week.

Natal violence.

Sanctions row

Mr Mandela, aged 71, spent 27 years in jail convicted of

planning to blow up power lines and government build-

lives of hundreds of black and

white civilians in South Af-

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160m bottles are to be scrapped

in London and Philip Jacobson in Paris

All bottles of Perrier, the French mineral water, are to he withdrawn from sale worldwide after traces of benzene, a solvent which has been linked with cancer, were discovered in supplies of the drink in Britain and several other European countries.

Preliminary results showed tion in bottled Perrier in Britain, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. Traces of benzene contamination were also dis-covered in samples in West Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands.

M Gustave Leven, president of Source Perrier, the French parent company, announced the withdrawal of all stocks of its famous "designer" water yesterday at a press conference in Paris after

from the United States, where the contamination was first discovered, to Europe.

The decision to dispose of some 160 million of the distinctive Indian-clubshaped bottles, at an estimated cost of 200 million francs (£20.5 million), was taken despite Perrier's insistence that the "infinitesimal" traces of toxic benzene discovered in supplies did not pose the slightest threat to consumers ealth.

Perrier UK was trying to contact all of its retail outlets in Britain yesterday, but many are unlikely to be informed about the sales suspension until today. Altogether, more than 10 million bottles will be withdrawn from sale in Britain. Mrs Wenche Marshail Foster, chief executive of Per-rier UK, said: "While the slightest possible doubt exists about the purity of Perrier, we cannot possibly continue to Continued on page 24, col 4

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millionaire financier Sir Jack Lyons.

Jury dismissed after false start in Guinness trial expected the new jury will be sworn in



By Paul Wilkinson and Angela Mackay The Guinness Affair, which has already taken three years to come to trial, wasfurther delayed yesterday when the judge discharged the jury and ordered the swearing in of a new one. Mr John Chadwick, QC, the prosecuting counsel, was only halfway through his opening

statement at the time. Mr Ernest Saunders, the Guinness chairman, and three co-defendants at Southwark Crown Court, south London, face charges alleging illegal share support operations during his company's take-over of the Distillers group in 1986.

Potential jurors were selected by court officials and then told by Mr Justice Henry they would have today off. He

today and then given the rest of the day off to settle its domestic arrangements for the duration of a trial that is predicted to last up to six months. The decision to discharge the jury was

made after one of its number said a recurrent migraine meant she would be

Courtroom pitfalls. Leading article...

unable to see the trial through. She was the third juror to drop out. There was also the threat of a fourth member becoming unavailable. Two fell by the wayside on Tuesday, pleading medical and business problems, and two more adjourned the trial until tomorrow. It is had to be sworn in to replace them. But to be more than £90,000.

the flicker of the courtroom's fluorescent lights could provoke headaches which usually confined her to bed. Mr Justice Henry said he had also

difficulties at work.

The cost of the false start is estimated

HOME NEWS

Whisky distillers' tax plea to Major

slip 5 per cent last year, have asked Mr John Major to reduce the excise duty against spirits compared to that on beer and wine (Derek Harris writes).

The Scotch Whisky Association wants the Chancellor of the Exchequer to achieve equalization of tax with beer and wine within three years. If duties were equalized now at a single stroke the price of a bottle of whisky would be reduced

The association is worried that when there is a move towards harmonization of taxes in 1992 the British Government may have a tough battle, because in many EC countries spirits are discriminated against even more sharply. Mr Ivan Straker, for the association, spains Britain was the only EC country which discriminates against homeproduced spirits in favour of imported wines and sherries.

Because stocks are kept so long the Scotch makers pay heavily in corporation tax. Some malt distillers, where maturation periods are highest, have 90 per cent tax rates.

Noble to lead RSC

The Royal Shakespeare Company's battle against financial crisis is to be led by Mr Adrian Noble as artistic director with a new top management structure, the company announced last night (Simon Tait writes). Mr Noble, aged 39, is at present an assistant director with the RSC, respected as a director of the classics. He said that unless facilities at the Barbican, its London headquarters, were improved the RSC

Labour in poll lead

Labour is poised to snatch a dramatic victory in the forthcoming Mid-Staffordshire by-election, according to the latest opinion poll (Nicholas Wood writes). It has 44 per cent support, two points ahead of the Conservatives, who are defending a 14,654 majority after the suicide before Christmas of Mr John Heddle. The survey for the Birmingham Post newspaper is broadly in line with a test of opinion last week which gave Labour a five-point lead.

Storms hit South-west

heavy rain and storms in parts of Britain (Ruth Gledhill writes). Gusts of up to 60mph swept over coastal areas in the South-west. Heavy rain in Somerset brought the total so far this year to 14in, half the county's annual average. The London Weather Centre said rain would continue to spread inland from the West, with snow on the Welsh mountains, in the north Midlands and southern Scotland.

Stacking claim fails

Suzanne, Lady Valentine Thynne, aged 46, who claimed £25,000 in lost earnings after she hurt her back stacking crates of champagne bottles on shelves, lost her High Court fight for compensation yesterday. Deputy Judge Adrian Hamilton said he was unable to find Lady Thynne's former employers, G.T. Management, of the City of London, responsible for the injury in her job as a catering supervisor.

Complaint upheld

A mortuary photograph of the journalist David Blundy printed in The Sun, which "screamingly distressed" his twoyear-old daughter, was "insensitive and an error of judgement", the Press Council ruled yesterday. It upheld a complaint by Miss Samira Osman, the girl's mother. Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, editor of the Sun, said the atrocity was the act of killing David Blundy, who was shot in fighting between troops and rebels in El Salvador, not publishing a picture.

Waddington case for 'FBI' squad

By Quentin Cowdry, St Louis, Missouri

stepped up pressure on chief crime such as fraud, extortion constables to agree on a and drugs trafficking. blueprint for a national criminal intelligence agency.

Waddington, the Home Sec-retary, said there was a "strong agency should investigate for police to create a crimes as well. high-powered intelligence squad to combat organized crime. He could also see no objection to such an agency having an operational

break with the traditionally decentralized structure of the notice force.

"In these days of very sophisticated crime there is a Intelligence Unit, whose sucstrong case for such a dev-elopment," Mr Waddington told reporters in St Louis, squad, would initially be Missouri, where he is being staffed by 400 officers. Up to a briefed on the city's acute problem of drug misuse.

The proposed agency, The idea of a national strongly supported by chief criminal agency was first constables, would involve the mooted in 1962, but was

The Government yesterday intelligence about organized Initially, the focus would be

purely on intelligence seeking In his first public statement and provision, but govern-on the proposal, Mr David ment officials and leading If it does, the agency would

mirror the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in the United States. The Association of Chief

Police Officers is examining If it did, it would mark a the issue. It will publish a report setting out the options this autumn

The agency, which would swallow the National Drugs cess has paved the way for a broader-based intelligence thousand detectives would eventually be needed.

creation of a national squad regarded as far too radical a providing county forces with proposal at the time.

Rushdie turns to Dallas on lonely anniversary

By David Sapsted

In Britain last night, Dallas was on television. At a secret address somewhere in the country, Salman Rushdie and the armed Special Branch officers who are now his constant companions kept their regular appointment with the gomes-on at South Fork.

In Iran, Mehdi Karoubi was on Tehran radio. The Speaker of the Iranian Parliament said: "Britain and other supporters of Salman Rushdie must know that all their tricks will come to nought and no matter how much protection is given to Rushdie, a Muslim will eventually implement this edict."

The edict in question was Ayatollah Khomeini's death sentence passed on the author of The Satanic Verses one year earlier. Watching an American "soap" may not have been much of a way to mark the anniversary but Rushdie, who says he has become addicted to The much-delayed paperback version of The Satanic Verses may never be published because of two High Court hearings in London later this mouth, it was disclosed yesterday (David Sapsted writes). On the first anniversary of the death sentence passed on Mr Sahnan Rushdie by Ayatollah Khomeini,

"iunk television" during his year in hiding, had little choice.

Despite Khomeini's own death last June, yesterday's confirmation from Iran that the death sentence was still very much in force means that the threat has not diminished. In Britain, young Muslims reinforced the message by gathering to burn an effigy of the author in Bradford last night.

Proof of the anger still being directed against Rushdie in Britain because of his alleged blasphemy was scarcely necessary. In January,

sources at Viking Penguin said the paperback might never appear because of legal action being brought by British Muslims. They are seeking two judicial reviews in hearings later this month before the same three judges: Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, and Mr Justice Roche. In the

just when it seemed the heat was dissipating, two men were deported to Pakistan under the Prevention of Terrorism Act suspected of of plotting against the author.

Nine Iranian students were escorted out of the country for similar reasons earlier this month; the Special Branch instructed Rushdie not to deliver the Herbert Reed Memorial Lecture in London; and plans to replace the police guard with a private security firm were abruptly dropped.

The cost of protecting the author

first, a review is sought following an earlier decision that the author and publishers cannot be charged with blasphemy. The second case centres on whether the company could face prosecution under Section 4 of the 1986 Public Order Act for publishing the book knowing it could cause public mrest.

for the past 12 months with 10 Special Branch officers is estimated at £1 million, all of it coming out of the public purse.

The cost does not end there: in the first six months after the fatwa, Rushdie slept in 56 different beds and, although The Scienic Verses has now sold more than a million copies in its English-language version (740,000 in the United States and 220,000 in the UK), the publishers Viking Penguin last year spent more than £1.7 million of the £1.8 million profit from the book in

security arrangements for the author, their West London headquarters - now permanently guarded by police at every entrance and with airport-style baggage checks - and on other company

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The company said: "As the hardback sales decline, we will obviously be looking at a loss-leader as security costs overtake any profits from the book. However, it is a matter of principle and we will continue to spend as much as

necessary for as long as necessary." For Rushdie himself, a hitherto gregarious man, he has spent the past 12 months reading, writing and becoming hooked on the likes of Dallas and Capital City. At 42, he admits to learning more about himself in his long, lonely moments. "You don't find out until you're in a situation whether you can stand up to it. Fortunately, so far, I have, but I don't recommend it."

Farmers rule | New Aids campaign launched out organic methods to feed nation

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Corre

and pesticides if the nation's food needs were to be met. Some 400 delegates at the

final session of the annual general meeting of the Nat-ional Farmers' Union voted overwhelmingly in favour of a resolution questioning whether "chemical-free agriculture and horticulture is either desirable in the public interest or economically attainable".

Speaker after speaker poured scorn on the notion that organic food could ever meet the needs of more than "the well-heeled few" who were prepared to pay higher prices for a product they nistakenly believed was purer and healthier.

Winding up the two-day NFU meeting, Sir Simon Gourlay, its president, said he feared that Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, who addressed the farmers on Tuesday, had "bought our favour for a handful of peanuts".

flicted with the fatal "mad cow" disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), diverted attention from farmers' wrath over the Government's alleged lack of concern about their economic plight.

Sir Simon castigated the press for "totally ignoring" his exposition of the parlous economic condition of farming, including a 50 per cent drop in investment over the past five years and a 9 per cent annual

British farmers yesterday dis- on chemical farming, Mr missed organic farming as a David Roston, a Cheshire fringe activity which could farmer, said a wholesale never replace an agriculture switch to organic methods based on chemical fertilizers would lead to a 50 per cent would lead to a 50 per cent drop in output. That in turn dramatically and hit Britain's balance of payments by increasing the need for food

The British Organic Farmers and Organic Growers Association, which has some 1,000 members, (about one per cent of all farmers), described the NFU's attitude as "myopic" and "the typical reaction of conventional farmers who are frightened of change".

● The Government yesterday dismissed a call by environmental groups for a ban on the use of a group of fungicides which have been linked to cancer in research carried out in the United States. Friends of the Earth and

Parents for Safe Food claimed to have found "high" residues of the fungicides in a range of processed foods, including bread and tomato ketchup, sampled in British supermarkets.

Mr Gummer's announcement on Tuesday that 100 per culture, Fisheries and Food cent compensation would be said: "The levels found paid to owners of cattle af- assuming the methods of measurement were sound do not breach the safety limits set by the Advisory Committee on Pesticides.

However Parents for Safe Food claimed yesterday that their findings pointed to "a serious underestimation of the risks to consumers" by government scientists.

They said their tests contradicted the committee's asser-tion that "no detectable residues" had been found in wheat products. The highest Introducing the resolution had been in brown bread.

Mrs Bottomley at the launch of the TV Aids campaign at which she warned of the "devastating" potential of the disease. "one and only boyfriend". Mrs straightforward campaign, not said: "There is no truth in the A new television campaign against Aids launched by the Virginia Bottomley, Minister for Health, who launched the

Authority campaign, said if the spread of the human the disease (Thomson Prentice munodeficiency virus (HTV) went unchecked, the out The advertisements, which could be "devastating". will be shown for six weeks from tonight, feature leading Sir Donald Acheson, the Aids experts. One doctor says Government's chief medical officer, said about a quarter of the people recently diagnozed as HIV-positive were beterothat of the last 10 people with

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the Aids virus seen at his clinic, six acquired it through heterosexual intercourse. sexually active. "These were two men and "Most of them are young people who will be infectious four women, with no history of homosexual contact, anal infor many years with a lethal virus. What we are seeing now is a trickle that could become a tercourse or involvement with injecting drug users," Dr Raymond Maw, of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, says.

Government yesterday warns

of the growing risks to hetero-sexual men and women from

sexual intercourse with her

writes).

In one advertisement be Another specialist, Profes-sor Michael Adler, of the says: "It may not seem serious now - like the greenhouse effect - but if we do not act it Middlesex Hospital, London, said one of his patients was an could have a disastrons effect 18 year-old female student on the future of our children who became infected through

and grandchildren." Mrs Bottomley said: "It is a hysterical, providing people with the facts. It is designed to shed light rather than heat." However, Aids specialists

likely effectiveness. Professor Adler said: "The campaigns need to be non-censorious, non-moralistic, and streetwise. This one is useful but on its own I don't think it will be effective in changing people's

> Doctors who claim their new contract with the Government justifies striking off patients are "dishonest and unprofessional", Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday.

ment after Ms Harriet Harman, the Labour health man, said she was getting many reports of doctors removing patients on the rounds they could not afford them. However, Mr Clarke

claim that the new GPs' contract gives any doctor any new financial reason or any respectable excuse for removing a patient from his or her expressed concern about its

● A tax increase on cigarettes could pay for training more cardiologists, heart specialists ists, heart specialists were told at a conference in Edinburgh yesterday.

Professor Michael Oliver, London, said: "The Government must accept there is a crisis. It really is largely a question of money.

● Laboratory staff compilies the world's biggest bone marrow transplant donor register have volunteered to work through the next two weekends to help to find a donor for Simon Flavell, aged 9, who is dying of leukaemia.

They have already checked blood samples from 135,000

Ambulance crews told to run services

Employment Affairs Correspondent

Ambulance union leaders marked the sixth month of the dispute yesterday by instructing crews in all regions to ignore orders from chief ambulance officers and run services themselves.

The decision came as Mr Duncan Nicholl, chief executive of the National Health Service, told officers' representatives from the 46 regions that there was no intention of conceding to the service an independent pay mechanism. one of the main demands of the unions.

Mr Nichol indicated there could be more managers. It was an expression of the money if the unions agreed to local pay bargaining and the private tendering of some non-emergency services.

Mr Roger Poole, the unions' chief negotiator, said after meeting shop stewards that the fight for a "decent" pay rise was indivisible from the demand for a pay mechanism which ensured that wages would be determined either by an agreed forumla or by arbitration.

He said the decision would not harm the 999 emergency service but would

anger felt by crews at the "willy-nilly" suspension of staff in 28 areas of Britain. Mr Poole agreed that the effect would be to "lock out" managers and senior officers. He said: "The management in

this dispute is now superflous. As strikes continued to cripple British Aerospace, engineering union leaders

decided yesterday to step up the campaign for a shorter working week by warning of an indefinite strike at Lucas unless the car component maker agreed

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Complex fraud trials

Calls to abolish juries grows bringing Guinness case to trial

to excuse a woman juror who suffered from migraine will fuel pressure to abolish juries Bar Association. for complex fraud trials.

juror to be excused in the three Justice Henry said after actly the sort of case we had in interests of justice, a new jury should be empanelled. The jury was empanelled in

the first place only after the judge had excused 40 people who had personal or business difficulties in serving on what is expected to be a long trial.

The case highlights the difficulties of empanelling a jury that can sit for up to six months. That was one of the in the other Roskill procedural main reasons why the com- reforms aimed at simplifying mittee on fraud trials under such cases for juries. "Our Lord Roskill recommended in view is that we must wait to 1986 that juries be abolished and replaced with a tribunal of helping jurors before we dejudge and two lay assessors.

The Roskill committee was in favour of the proposal by Ironically, the Guinness standing of English, holiday seven to one in spite of a trial, which centres on allegasubstantial body of evidence tions of an illegal support other good reason." in favour of the proposal by

The abrupt halting of the from a range of groups in Guinness fraud trial yesterday favour of retaining trial by favour of retaining trial by jury, including the Law Society, the Bar and the Criminal One member of the Roskill The woman was the third committee said yesterday:

"When we made that days since the case opened. Mr recommendation, this was exquestioning her that in the mind." Although most of the Roskill report to speed and simplify fraud trials was implemented under the Criminal Justice Act 1988, ministers were split over the controversial jury proposal and it

> The Home Office said yesterday that instead of abolishing juries for complex fraud, the Government had brought see what impact these have in cide whether there needs to be

any more change." Ironically, the Guinness operation during Guinness's takeover battle for Distillers in 1986, is the first to be fully tested under the Roskill provisions for complex fraud cases in the 1988 Act. The case started on Monday after three delays and almost a year of pre-trial hearings.

The first morning was taken un with empanelling a jury of seven men and five women selected from a panel of 20.

Critics who want juries abolished in such cases say that the bigger and more complex the case, the more difficult it is to find jurors able and willing to sit and the more likely that the jury, after all the excusals, is distorted.

Certain people are automatically excused jury service, including peers, members of the armed forces, and members of medical professions. The summoning officer can also excuse for reasons such as

poor health, illness, physical

disability, insufficient under-

Guinness affair has been fraught with pitfalls and complications since its carliest Ernest Saunders and six other accused first appeared in court in November 1987, 18

months after the alleged offences. They were remanded on bail until the spring of Mr Saunders then brought

originally pencilled in for October last year. Ironically, in an effort to simplify complex legal and procedural details for the jury's benefit a pre-trial review before Mr Justice Henry began at Southwark Crown 11.30: Jury selected in court

One result was the splitting of the case into two trials with some of the defendants appearing in one and the rest in the second. Only Mr Saunders was to feature in both. The first was fixed to begin 10 days ago on February report unavailability. Two are completed.

Court in London at the end of

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By Paul Wilkinson and Angela Mackay The prosecution of the 5. That decision led to the first fresh ones sworn in.

Pitfalls and complications of

big hold-up when Mr 12.30: Indictment put once Saunders sought an order trial until after the second, as he maintained it would be prejudicial to the hearing of the case against him in the second trial.

was upheld at appeal but the hearings put back the trial's start until last Monday. court actions to win legal aid Then began the comedy of before his trial began on a date errors culminating in yes-

terday's discharge of the jury. Monday, February 12 11.15: Court sits after 45 minutes' discussion in indee's chambers on handling the 100 jurors needed to select 12 for the trial.

> canteen as only room large tough to accommodate them. 12.35: Indictment put to jury. 13.00: Jury sent home for rest of day to sort out domestic Tuesday, February 13 10.45: Court sits after 45-

minute delay after two jurors

banning reporting of the first 14.00: Ten-minute delay as

press and defendants exchange places after defendants complain of cold draught from air-conditioning duct. Judge orders return to original scat-Mr Justice Henry's refusal 14.10: Mr John Chadwick, QC, for the prosecution, begins opening statement.

> Wednesday February 14 10.30: Court sits after 30minute delay when third juror asked to be discharged. Court adjourns for counsel to take

11.40: Court sits. Jury discharged. 14.00: Counsel told only 88 jurors available to form new panel, adjournment for further 15.05: Questioning of jurors

16.10: Twenty-five jurors selected. 16.20: Jurors sent home and told to take the next day off to ensure domestic arrangements

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Boys are savaged as Rottweilers go on school rampage

Three Rottweilers rampaged to 16 stitches. Both his upper around a school yesterday and savaged four boys in the and also his lower back, which savaged four boys in the playground. The attack

brought renewed calls for the dogs to be benned. Hundreds of children were trapped in the school cloakrooms as the dogs, each weighing about 100th, mamed loose in the Bishop Stopford Secondary School, Enfield,

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north London. The boys were attacked as they entered the school build-ings at about 8.15 am and suffered multiple bite injuries needing stitches. At least two of the boys will be scarred for

Two of the dogs were captured by police in the school after running wild for 10 minutes. They had been cornered by teachers using netball posts and coats. The third dog was seized two hours later by the RSPCA after being trapped in a garage. While it was on the loose children at all schools in the area were kept

Last night, parents of the boys called for the dogs to be destroyed and for tighter regulations on dog owners. The dogs' fate will be decided on Monday after magistrates have considered the case of the dogs' owner, Mrs Doris Brown, at a hastily convened bearing at Enfield. She said they were not vicious and asked for time to produce ground. With other teachers l evidence to stop the dogs, named Samson, Kane and Bass, being put down.

Mrs Brenda Bone, whose younger son Kevin, aged 11, was badly hurt in tha attack said: "My son was not bitten.

is badly scarred. There was certainly a lot of blood and his shirt was in tatters."

The injured children were Kevin Bone, of Sedot Road, Enfield; Gavin Perry, aged 11, of Brick Lane, Enfield; Edward Daniels, aged 12, of Metcalfe Road; and Wayne Thorne, aged 13, of 314, North Circular Road.

All except Gavin were released after treatment for bite injuries and or shock at Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield. Gavin almost lost an ear and suffered bite wounds to his head and neck when one of the dogs locked his head in its

Gavin and Kevin, who are best friends, were attacked as they walked into the school, which has 1,000 pupils. They saw the dogs at the foot of some stairs and turned and ran back outside, pursued by two of the Rottweilers, Kevin tried to escape through a door but it was locked.

Dr Roger Tiffen, the school deputy beadmaster, rushed out of school communion on hearing their screams. He said: "I saw Kevin Bone in the playground where two dogs had hold of him by the arm. He was shouting. "Help me, please help me."

"He was pulled to the rushed over and the dogs ran off. I picked up Kevin and took him inside for first aid before he was taken to hospital. His arm was covered in blood. His shirt was ripped." Gavin, bleeding and shocked, ran into the school,

chased by the dogs. Grant Vaughan, aged 13, said: "They chased after him and pounced on him. The dog had his teeth in his neck. He was shouting and screaming and there was

blood all over his shirt." At one point one of the Rottweilers, forced its way into the school cloakroom, trapping at least 150 terrified children. The children were ordered to freeze by a teacher.

Mr Brian Pickard, the headmaster, who praised the courage of staff and the behaviour of children, said; "The children showed real courage, they were obviously very

The dogs had escaped from Mrs Brown's house in Broadfield Square, Ponders End, about a quarter of a mile away. Police issued Mrs Brown, aged 46 and selfemployed, with a civil summons under the Section 2 of the 1871 Dogs Act.

In court she said she had let them out into the garden where the fence had blown down. She told Enfield Magistrates' Court she had checked that the neighbours' gate was closed when she let them out. However, within minutes it had been opened and the dogs had bolted.

Mr Teddy Taylor, Conservative MP for Southend East, said the attack had "sealed the fate of Rottweilers".

Dr Bruce Fogle, one of Britain's leading dog psychologists, said that the boys were attacked by animals whose jaws have a crushing force of more than 400lb per square inch (Nick Nuttall writes). German shepherds have jaws that crush at 200lb.

On the beach with £55m heiress

The Hon Mrs Charlotte Morrison, said to be seventeenth in the league of Europe's 20, richest women, with her dogs, Harcombe, Cuddles and Rub-bish at Chesil Beach near her

home in Dorset. The survey was published last week in Harpers and Queen magazine. The Queen topped the list, with an estimated wealth of £5.3 billion.

Mrs Morrison's wealth was nasessed as £55,000,000, mak-ing ber the second richest woman in Britain.

Yesterday, while the nation's lovers celebrated St Valentine's Day, the publicity-shy divorcée spoke for the first time about her wealth and life

Mrs Morrison, aged 34, owns vast tracts of some of England's most valuable land. Her father, the 9th Viscount Galway, died when she was 15. leaving her the Seriby Estate of 2,000 acres in Nottinghamshire. A further 5,000 acres of Dorset, where she lives, was given to her by her mother,

Lady Teresa Agnew. September, Mrs Morrison inherited Melbury House and a further 5,000 acres of "Hardy country". Mrs Morrison, wh

riage broke up in 1987, has a son, Simon, aged five. She lives in a 16th-century manor house in Abbotsbury, but will be moving to Melbury House

"It's quite amusing," she said yesterday. "My ancestors bought the Abbotsbury estate in 1543 for £1,906 and 10

Known affectionately as "Blot", Mrs Morrison said she was surprised at the survey: "I don't think it's a particularly nice reputation, but I suppose I can think of mach worse things!

obvious ones. It would be very nice to get married again. One "From when my father died when I was 15 I've had this slight noose around my neck, that this was likely to pop up

has got so much to share, and it would be very nice to have ebody about because there

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Mrs Morrison said she was

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est lifestyle. I'm very

It would be an awful waste to spend my life by myself, just on and I rattling around." Mrs Morrison runs the three estates with the help of an

She confessed to finding it difficult being alone. "Some-times I think, 'Oh, I'd love to he able to talk to somebody, or I wish there was somebody

"Someone once asked me what I spent my money on! I of the local hunt.

thousands sitting in my bank account. I don't want to run po an overdraft because I'd have to go on my bended knee to the trustees saying, Sorry, can I have some money?"."

Returning to the house, Mrs Morrison lit the large log fire in the drawing room and settled down with her dogs on the sofa. She keeps herself busy — she is the joint master

Story and photograph by Stephen Markeson

PORTFOLIO

There were no valid claims in esterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum competition, so to day's prize money is doubled



Two calls trace trial witness

By Kerry Gill and Stewart Tendler

A student aged 20 who says she was the victim of an attempted rape told yesterday how she learned that the charge had been dropped because financial restrictions had prevented police tracing her in Scotland.

"They always knew my address and the university I

was attending," she said. "I was not looking forward to having to give evidence, but

On Monday, at the Central Criminal Court, Judge Lambrey ordered that the charges be dropped against the accused aged 30 after being told that the alleged offence occurred in north London last August, but the girl involved had moved to Scotland to attend university.

Detective Constable Michael Faires told the court he would have had a better chance of finding her if he had been allowed to go to

Inquiries by The Times traced the girl after two telephone calls.

She said yesterday that there had been confusion over when the case would be heard, but her local police station in Scotland knew her address and the Metropolitan Police knew which university she was attending.

"I feel really bad that the trial did not go ahead," she said. "I went abroad for the Christmas holidays and returned to Scotland on January People in the flat above told me that police had been to my told the court that the decision flat while I was away and last . not to go to Scotland "fits in Wednesday I got a message through my door asking me to contact my local police station. It is only round the corner and I went there. The seems very odd to me that the

policeman I spoke to knew nothing about the message and said the officer who delivered it was off duty. "Later the same day there

was a message saying there was a registered package for me at the Post Office. It was a letter from the court saying the case would take place sometime between February 12 and know the date so I could go to of the witness being found.

She said that she later learnt that the police had telephoned her college at the weekend, but she had been in her flat all weekend. There is no telephone at the flat.

"Obviously," she said, "the local police knew my address

Odd that police cannot act without cost being authorized?

or they would not have been around seeking me in January. If they had sent the police round to my flat at the weekend they would have found

She telephoned Mr Faires in London, who confirmed that the case had been abandoned and then she read about the case in The Times. Detective Faires was really

nice, but he thought that I was trying to avoid him because I did not make any communication with him.

"All they had to do was get the police around the corner to contact me."

On Monday, Mr Brian Warner, for the prosecution, with lots of monetary restrictions on police officers at

Judge Lambrey said: "It

police cannot go to make inquiries unless there is an authorization for the cost."No evidence was offered against the accused who denied burglary with intent to rape and other charges.

After the case the Metropolitan Police said it would not have been "operationally constructive" to send a detec-23 and that they would let me tive as there was little prospect

the Crown Prosecution Service said the case could not legally be reopened. He said: "The question of warning witnesses is purely and simply a matter for the police.

"Various attempts were apparently made by the police and on the morning it had to be explained to the court that the police had not in fact been able to contact her.

"We found out the night before and stopped the other witnesses coming. The police had been notified by Strathclyde police that they could not find her."

Scotland Yard said: "Police made extensive inquiries in an attempt to contact the alleged victim in Scotland but were

not able to do so. "Several routes were tried. Following the case the complainant has contacted police availability.

"At no stage was she told she would not be required as a

"Indeed it was made clear she would almost certainly be required and need to remain in contact with police.

"She was also given the direct CID telephone number of the north London police station in addition to other attempts made to contact

£3.8m tax deal on Cézanne

An important painting by Cezanne is going to the Nat-ional Gallery in lieu of a tax payment, thus closing a troupled episode in the fortunes of the Chester Beatty estate.

"Avenue at Chantilly", painted in 1888 and featuring the artist's characteristic overlapping planes of warm and cool colours, was acquired and cool colours, was acquired by the collector Sir Alfred Chester Beatty. Together with another of his paintings, Van Gogh's "Irises", it was leaned to the National during the 1950s and 1980s.

"Irises" was sold by the Beatty family at Christie's three years ago for £24 million. It is understood that, when selling the Van Gogh, the family chose the open market rather than accepting a £10 million deal from the Treasury. Even though the painting sold for the then world record price, the family had to pay a huge tax bill

This time the Beattys have taken up the Government's offer, which allows them to waive a capital transfer tax bill

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

of £3.8 million. The deal went through a year ago, with Christie's as agents for the vendors. Since then, there has been "intense competition" from other museums for ownership, thereby holding up the final allocation.

According to a state from the gallery yesterday, the painting is an appropriate addition to the collection. It was Sir Alfred's stated wish that the painting should go to

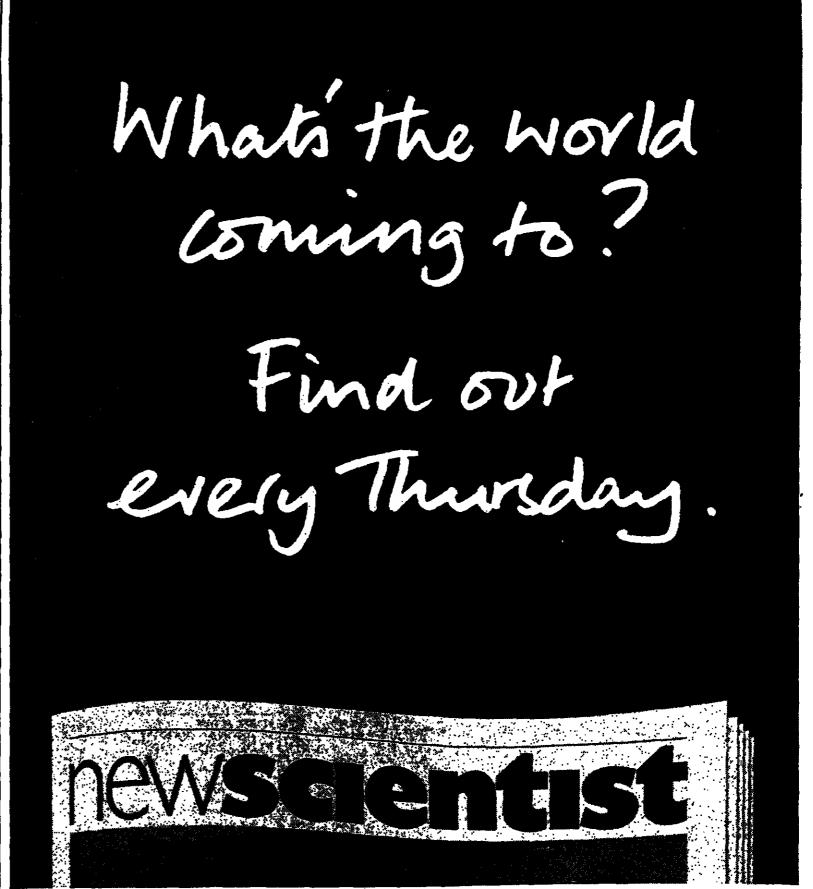
Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, ansounced a long list of art works acquired for the nation during parliamentdes a sketch called "Farra Cart with Horse in Harness" by Constable, in lieu of £50,025 in tax, and a collection of Anglo-Saxon coins valued at £500,000.

arrangement whereby the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge pays £108,128 and the Treasury waives £418,429 in

Mrs Heather Wilson, of the Museums and Galleries Comsission, who set up the deals, seld such arrans ollection of modern paintings had been accepted and an 18th-century harpsichord

 Spanish paintings were hought avidly by private Span-ish buyers at Sotheby's yesterday. One paid £93,600, three times the estimate, for a scene by Igancio Diaz Olano of women working and goasiping in a wool factory, while another paid £61,600 for "The Harvesters' Siesta" by the

came artist. The day's sale, which inchided 19th-century European paintings, totalled £2.1 mil-lion, with 24 per cent unsold.



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By Our Arts Correspondent

Another attempt has been launched to establish an international dance theatre in London, with a site at Waterloo earmarked.

has been created to pursue a project for a theatre with more than 2,000 seats, at a likely cost of up to £30 million. One of those behind the plan is Mr Stephen Hetherington, managing director of the

pany Hetherington-Seelig. He said the scheme had a good chance of success. "We have an option on a large site, and we already have backers for a large amount of the funding."

theatrical management com-

Substantial funding will come from the International Cultural Endowment Fund, a Dutch-based charitable foundation supported by companies whose principals are affiliated to the Unification Church. However, Mr Hetherington said the funds were to be committed on the understanding that the theatre was purely for the performing arts. • The £2.2 million grant cut for 1990-91 to English National Ballet and English National Opera by Westminster City Council, which threat-ened the survival of the dance company and would have meant a severe curtailing of the ENO's programme, is to be made up by the Arts Council, it was announced

yesterday. There was further good news for the English National Ballet yesterday when Ladbrokes announced sponsor-Otago Museum is looking after 350 penguin chicks in an attempt to save the species.

| WOTH 250,000 for its fortieth anniversary royal gala at the Albert Hall on March 27. ship worth £50,000 for its

Advice on planning | Appeal to protect the Antarctic criticized as 'woolly' London Ballet Theatre Ltd

Draft guidance on archaeology planning authorities with a working on the site in Southclear mandate to take archaeo- wark, south London, after logical matters into consid- clearance had already begun. cration effectively.

and development planning which Mr David Trippier, the Heritage Minister, is expected to announce in the House of Commons within the next two weeks, has been condemned as "woolly and ambiguous" by are forbidden to make devel-Rescue, the British Archaeo-A copy of the guidance

notes, promised last year by the Department of the Environment after the Rose Theatre excavation, has been leaked to The Times.

They call on local authorities to ensure sites are properly investigated for important remains before planning permission is given.

They urge developers to co-operate by funding excava-tions and if necessary altering proposed designs, and con-sulting with planning authorities "at an early stage". Remains should be pre-

served in situ whenever pos-sible, rather than being fully excavated However the guidelines give no statutory backing to local

Although they put funding responsibility with developers they say "planning authorities should not seek to impose policies in their development plans requiring developers to finance archaeological works in return for the grant by planning permission". With no statutory backing to agreements on funding, these

would remain informal. Mr Harvey Sheldon, chairman of Rescue, said: "The guidance sounds woolly and

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

and archaeology

the voluntary nature of agreements: planning authorities conditions envisaged are outdated and inadequate, which is very disappointing."

tell the House of Commons that the intention is to local planning authorities to reconcile heritage and building requirements, through recording, excavation where

• It is not always practicable to save all historical remains

necessary, and through sympathetic and flexible de-signs. English Heritage, statu-tory advisers on archaeology to the department, "is ready to advise on the archaeological policies of draft plans", the

nidance says. The notes appear to give a clear priority to development requirements: "Given the demands of modern society," says the 11-page document, "it is not always practicable to save all archaeological

When considering the need to preserve archaeological remains in the context of a Environment said the guidquestion is where and how to strike the right balance."

ation effectively. and when planning per-"Much seems to be made of mission had already been given to the developers Imry

Imry had received advice opers pay, so the planning from independent archaeological consultants who thought that no significant remains were likely to have Mr Trippier is expected to survived, and the developers proceeded on that basis. However, Musem of London encourage developers and archaeologists on a two-week evaluation dig discovered the uniquely important remains.

Imry, which funded the excavation, eventually had to give six months to the investigation and was then forced to redesign the new building to preserve the the-

The disclosure of the guidance circular is particularly timely for a conference being organized by Rescue at the Museum of London on Saturday. MPs including Mr Simon Hughes of the SLD, who led the campaign to preserve the Rose, will discuss the difficulties of ensuring the proper investigation of sites after the unprecedented discoveries made in 1989, including the Rose and Globe theatres, the Huggin Hill Roman baths and the imperial palace in York.

development proposal the key ance notes had been approved by heritage ministers and had been submitted for approval The Rose was discovered a by planning ministers within

The Department of the

quoted Sir Peter Scott's reaction about further development of the Antarctic fund. The appeal will support the continued study of atmospheric pollution, monitoring of the ezone layer, and a total han on whaling. Miss Cassandra Phil-"We should have the wisdom to know

Death of rare penguins baffles experts

One in five of of the world's danger. Nine experts on the the remote Auckland Islands. affected, Mr Darby said. He rarest penguins have died in species attended an emergency the past three weeks and a meeting in Dunedin on Tues—weeks ago and Mr Darby said New Zealand has failed to find deaths. out why, an expert said

science at the Otago Museum, yellow-eyed penguins exist. said the entire species of yellow-eyed penguins (mega-Otago Peninusula, 390 miles virus had been ruled dyptes antipodes) was in grave south of Wellington, and on because chicks were

crisis meeting of scientists in day but could not explain the he believed 600 birds - 60 per "We don't know what is

happening." Mr Darby said, Mr John Darby, head of adding that only 1,500 pairs of Most of the birds nest on the

birds had empty stomachs.

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did not believe a man-made agent was responsible as the deaths had occurred over an cent of the Otago adult population - had died. 18-mile stretch of coastline. Investigators are searching

Most have died at sea and for evidence of a biotoxin or autopsies revealed all the poison that may have entered the penguins' food chain. The The possibility of a fatal virus had been ruled out

Police racial discrimination case

Station commander 'made veiled threat'

dispute with a fellow officer. Constable William Halliday Chief Superintendent Alan ing was done to stop it." Smith, his station comtaken further." PC Halliday said: "It was a veiled threat." On the third day of the hearing, PC Halliday, aged 30, named inspector Ian Thirkell, who guarded the Princess Royal for four years, claiming he discriminated against him on racial grounds from De-

while they were serving at Orpington police station, Kent. PC Halliday named a further nine officers who, he claims, used racially abusive language against him and a further six who "joined in to a

lesser degree". PC Halliday said that after the heated dispute with the officer on February 6 last year, he had reported to Mr Smith. On February 9, he spoke at a senior officer be length to PC Hugh Muir, of new to the relief. the Police Federation, about alleged racial abuse.

However, at a meeting with Mr Smith the next day, he had with Mr Janner that it was a failed to mention that he was fraud but didn't check the concerned about his alleged allegations himself because racial victimization. PC they came to him from another officer and he felt it the meeting that if he took the was down to him to report it. dispute with the officer further, any transgressions by him "would be taken further". fabrication". The hearing con-Before the meeting, he al- tinues today.

A police constable who claims leged Mr Thirkell and other he was the victim of racial officers had called him "nigdiscrimination within the ger", "coon", "blackie" and force told an industrial tri"spade". PC Halliday said: bunal yesterday that a police "The racial abuse from memsuperintendent had made "a bers of my relief was very veiled threat" to him after a extreme. It was all part of an atmosphere that was orchestrated by Mr Thirkell. I said that at a meeting with say that mainly because noth-

PC Halliday told the trimander: "Mr Smith advised bunal: "Mr Thirkell told me me that if I took it further, any there had been allegations transgressions by me would be against his conduct either from the police or in the press regarding the Princess Royal." Mr Daniel Janner, for Mr Thirkell, said: "I suggest you are not telling the truth, you are just trying to muddy his name. I suggest that you knew

full well by singling out Inspector Thirkell that this

cember 1988 to last March case would attract the publicity it had." The PC said: "That is totally untrue sir." Asked why he only accused Mr Thirkell, the PC told Mr Janner: "What went on, went on under his command." However, he agreed that "noone has offered to give evi-

dence" on his behalf PC Halliday said he failed to report an alleged altering of crime reports by a colleague to a senior officer because he was

He said: "I wanted to be accepted. I was not looking for confrontations." He agreed The PC denied Mr Januar's claim that his story was "total

Ship crew feared dead

The 12-strong crew of a freighter loaded with cement are feared dead after it failed to arrive at a West Country port yesterday. The 1,600-ton Scantrader has not been seen since leaving Bilbao, northern Spain, into a force 10 gale on Sunday morning. The German owners of the freighter, carrying a crew of Germans. Poles and Indians, raised the alarm after it failed to arrive at Sharpness, near Bristol, on Tuesday. Falmouth coast-guards have launched a major alert and have asked ships in the Bay of Biscay and Atlantic approaches to look out for the vessel.

Judgement on a damages claim by the owner of a National chances were allegedly wrecked through neg-ligence by a firm of veterinary surgeons, was reserved by a High Court judge yesterday.

Mercy dash

A newborn boy in hospital in Leeds was saved yesterday after a special solution needed to treat an infection was rushed from Aider Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool, by police car and helicopter.

Tractor run

Mr Alan Board, a farmer fed up with his children being unable to get to school in the flood-hit village of Muchelney, Somerset, has begun taking them and their friends on his tractor and trailer.

Ruling delayed Victim named

A man who died after setting claim by the owner of a fire to himself in the car park steeplechaser, whose Grand of a hotel in Maidenhead, Berkshire, has been named as Mr Peter Cartledge, aged 21, of Widnes, Cheshire.

Choir tour

Lord Tonypandy, former Speaker of the House of Commons, is to tour Canada with the Cor Meibion De Cymru [male voice choir], of which he is president

Girl's death

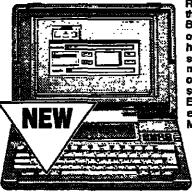
Deborah Collins, aged 15, of Litton, Somerset, has been found dead hanging from a tree. An inquest is to be held.

Safe passage Underground pipes are to be laid for badgers, hedgehogs and frogs near marshland at Bingley, West Yorkshire.

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New dance, theatre scheme is launched

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Choir tour

crash gets 12 months After hearing that at the time of the crash Smith was on bail for earlier offences of taking friends, while they were being chased by the police has been given the maximum sentence

Michael Smith, aged 16, of Chelussley Wood, Birming-ham, denied causing the death of David Allen, aged 18, by reckless driving in May last year and attempting to pervert the course of justice by telling the police that another of his said you were going to plead guilty and then did not. I am friends was behind the wheel. However, he was found guilty sentence I at Warwick Crown Court. your age."

college to verge of insolvency, MPs say

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

Many universities face finan-cial difficulties with even the best managed bracing themscives for an uncomfortable future, a committee of MPs

structuring and deficits reaching £147 million at 1985-86 prices by 1990-91.

The substantial changes and staff reductions needed to adjust to their new situation would lead to deficits and a drain on their internal funds, the report of the House of Commons committee of public accounts said.

The committee's inquiry focused on University College, Cardiff. The report is scathing about the mismanagement by senior figures who disregarded proper procedures and brought the organization to the "verge of insolvency".

It also criticized the failure by the former University Grants Committee to take earlier and more positive action to tackle the difficulties at Cardiff especially because, since 1981, the committee and dures brought a major acathe Department of Education the Department of Education demic institution to the verge they should desi and Science had been made of insolvency," it says. The power planning.

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bursar resigned, followed by the chairman of the college's Costs were expected to rise council, its treasurer and faster than income, with the overall cost of funding remittee. The grants committee mittee. The grants committee told MPs it was unsatisfactory that senior officers at Cardiff had been able to retire on full

> The report is an indictment of the stewardship of the college's finances and says over a period of years there was no credible or co-ordinated financial and academic planning. The senior management is condemned respond to the situation.

The committee's report said an investigation appointed from within the college found allegations of mismanagement, incompetence and impropriety largely correct.

"The breakdown of financial control, the attitude of those charged with proper stewardship of its funds and the disregard of proper proce-

stitute of Science and Tech-nology, aided in 1988 by £11 million of government money, of which £4.4 million must be repaid.

The report insists the new Universities Funding Council must pursue its responsibilities for economy and efficiency in university funding and provide a high level accountability to Parliament.

We expect the new Universities Funding Council to monitor developments closely and to intervene as necessar to ensure a high standard of financial management." Financial Problems at Univer-

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counts (Stationery Office;

 Cambridge and Glasgow veterinary schools, which had been scheduled for closure over the next five years, were formally reprieved yesterday by the Universities Funding Council (Sam Kiley writes). The council accepted the

findings of a report into Britain's need for vets over the next two decades, notably that they should desist from man-

'Inept managers led | Hartnell's new designer makes her début



Sally Burton, the actress and writer, trying on the latest lines from the legendary contrar house of Hartnell created by its guest designer Gina Fratini. Left: strapless grosgrain dress with black and white striped silk satin skirt; right, classical drapes in a hand-embroidered white silk chiffon dress.

CAPITAL XTRA

The couture house of Hartnell has a new designer and a new

Gina Fratini, a long-estab lished favourite with the Princess of Wales, the Princess Royal and Princess Alexandra, made her debut yesterday as guest designer at the legendary London fashion hous in front of a new crowd of customers headed by the ac-tress and writer Sally Burton, widow of Richard Burton.

Fratini's strength as a designer is in her gypsy-sleeved, full-skirted evening dresses. For Harmell, her lace playsuits, dresses and jackets, simple draped chiffons with embroidered detailing and a series of ravishing simple dresses in black and white striped heavy satin are the stars of the show.

However, Fratini's day clothes in spotted moiré and grosgrain as well as a colourful holiday package of Mexicanembroidered smocks, halter tops and tapered trousers, although pretty in line, lack the substance and detail expected at couture prices.

The Hardy Amies collection shown earlier endorsed the new soft mood, with softly puckered short chiffon dresses and impeccably draped long flowing columns. The London couture season, kicked off by Victor Edelstein and Anouska Hempel, closes today with a fashion show by Lachasse, London's longest-established

Abbey mortgage move

Repossessions and arrears may rise

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

The rise in the mortgage by 29 per cent between the end interest rate announced by the of June 1989 and the end of Abbey National yesterday is December, and at the end of bound to increase arrears, running at record levels, and to accelerate an already sharp rise in building society

Mr Mark Boleat, directorgeneral of the Building Societies Association, said yesterday: "I am assuming that this move will be followed by other lenders." He added: "It is bound to give a knock to the housing market, accentuating

all the problems. Abbey National announced yesterday it was to increase its Association of District Counmortgage interest rate from cils has found that only one 14.5 per cent to 15.4 per cent for mortgages up to £60,000, and from 13.9 per cent to 14.75 per cent for mortgages over £60,000.

Earlier, the Council of those being built by more than Mortgage Lenders had announced that mortgage arrears had risen to record levels last year and the number of propten couples under 30 can building societies had increased sharply in the last six months of the year.

A total of 7,430 properties were taken into possession in the second half of last year, 17 per cent higher than in the first half.

6 to 12 months in arrears rose appeared by Easter,"it said.

1989, 58,380 loans were 6 to 12 months in arrears - the

highest figure since 1986. In addition, the number of mortgages more than 12 months in arrears increased by 31 per cent on the mid-year total to 12,000.

The council said vesterday most members had responded sympathetically and had ag-reed to reschedule payments.

Meanwhile, a study commissioned by the Honse Builders Federation and the young couple in five can afford to buy a new home. Demand for council or other community housing is now outstripping the numbers of those being built by more than

erties taken into possession by afford to buy a new threebedroom family house, and one in three in the North-west. A report by the Council of Mortgage Lenders said it did not expect a recovery in house

prices until 1992. per cent higher than in the first half.

The figures, compiled by the 13 largest building societies, plus the Abbey National, show that the number of mortgages that the number of mortgages the societies will probably have disconstructions.

Woman, 85, praised as robbers are jailed

An 85-year-old grandmother was praised by a judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday as he jailed five memterday as he jailed five memtobberies in west and south Central Criminal Court yesterday as he jailed five members of a robbery gang for a total of 54 years.

Judge McLean said that the action of Mrs Rhoda Scott in tackling one of the gang during an armed raid was "courageous if possibly ill-advised" near the judge's praise.

The gang carried out 10 robberies in west and south London between April 1988 and January 1989, netting £60,000, Mr James Curtis, for the prosecution, said.

Perry, of West Kensington, admitted involvement in four robberies and was inited for 15

geous, if possibly ill-advised", and recommended that she be

considered for a cash reward. The judge heard that Mrs
Scott shamed other members
of the public many years her
junior when the robbery team
attacked Lloyds Bank, Hammersmith Road, West Kensington, in January last year.

She hit Terence Perry, aged 31, with her handbag and told him off. Perry was armed with a loaded sawn-off shotgun.

Teenage driver in fatal

robberies and was jailed for 15 Charles McIlroy, aged 32, also of West Kensington, and Thomas Cupples, aged 21, of Killouth, Co Down, each admitted involvement in one

and nine years respectively.

Gary Henderson, aged 32, of Stenhousemuir, Scotland, who was convicted by a jury of two robbery conspiracies, was iled for 10 years. Eamon He and another raider McCann, aged 19, of West when armed police officers who had been following them surrounded the bank. Mrs just 10 years. Eamon McCann, aged 19, of West Kensington, admitted involvement in one raid and was given eight years' youth detention.

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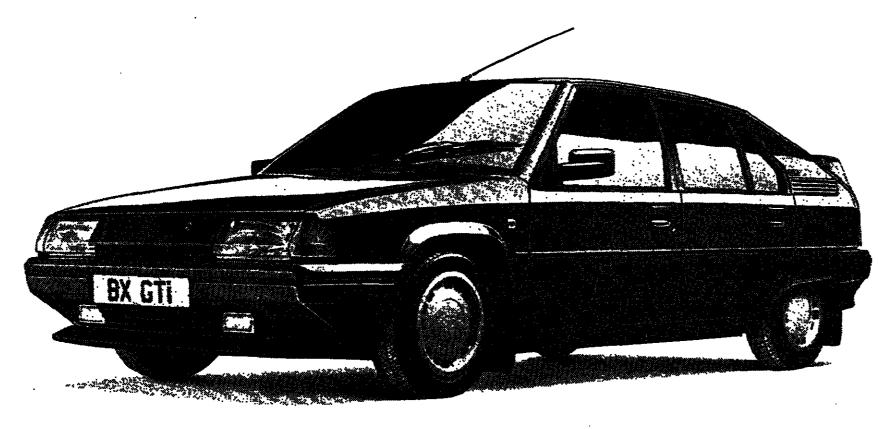


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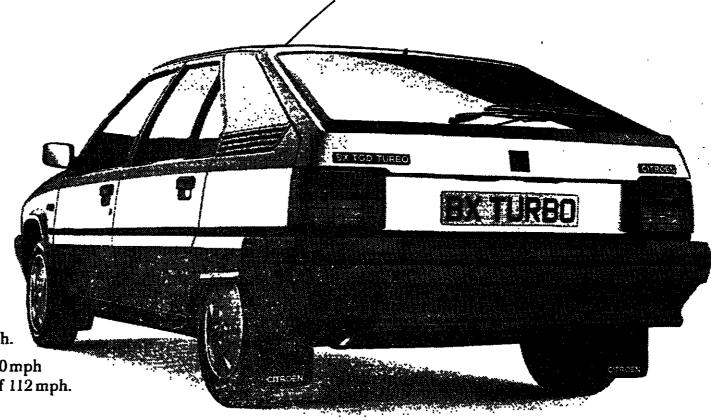


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SOCIAL TRENDS

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Rising death rate to overtake births

Within 30 years, the population of the United Kingdom will start to decline in absolute terms as deaths each year begin

However, in spite of the predicted downturn in population, Britain is gradually overtaking countries such as France and Italy. The UK will also overtake West Germany by the mid-1990s unless West Germany's falling population unifies with East Germany.

The predictions, in the latest edition of Social Trends, depend on the absence of significant changes in immigration to Britain, an assumption which could be revised if residents of Hong Kong are allowed to enter in big numbers.

In 1992, Britain will be at the peak of a baby boom which began in the mid-1980s and is itself a reflection of a boom in births about 20 years previously. A further boom, peaking at a lower level, is expected in about 2020.

However, it is predicted that by then the death rate will be climbing steadily, with annual deaths exceeding births in the later 2020s when those aged 35 today

can expect to be reaching the end of their

In the next 20 years, Social Trends predicts, the UK can look forward to: A marked drop in those aged between

16 and 21 in the 1990s;
• A steady, unbroken increase in the retired population into the next century;
• A steady growth until about 2015 in what are traditionally called "working age" people, followed by a sharp drop in the 2020s. This could cause problems for pensioners who rely on people of working age to produce the wherewithal to pay for retirement incomes. However, the demography of the UK is such that other European countries and Japan will face the problem earlier and sharper, A continuing concentration of popula-tion in the South-east, excluding Greater

remain stable at least for the rest of this decade. Merseyside, Tyne and Wear and the county of Lancashire will suffer significant population losses; • An unbroken increase in the number

London, where the total is predicted to

of years an infant can expect to live.

Social Trends enters a caveat about

THE BABY BOOMERS

 Britain's portrait as painted by official statisticians is unveiled today in the latest Social Trends.

 DAVID WALKER reports on an era of social change where life expectancy is rising, and marriage and divorce are both more popular.

AIDS. "Its history is so short that it is very difficult to predict its future path." Life expectancy, which is greater for female infants than for males, will continue to increase so that by the 2020s a baby boy can expect to live for 76 years and a baby girl for 81 years. At present, life expectancies are about 73 years for a baby boy and 78 for a baby girl.

Official statisticians also projected what people will do with their increased life spans. One increasingly popular activity will be travelling.

In 1988, cars and taxis logged about 295 billion kilometres. By 2000, the figure could be 380 billion kilometres on the lowest of the official estimates and 439 billion on the highest. By about 2015, there would be twice as many kilometres logged by cars and taxis through a combination of more cars and

more car journeys being undertaken. Air travel as measured by passengers ing through airports is projected to Meanwhile the Christian community

drop from 65 per cent at present to 55 per cent by 2010. Secularization of church members will fall from about 14 per cent of the adult population at present to 11 per cent by 2010.

The non-Christian religious commuty is likely to rise from 8 per cent of the UK population to 15 per cent in the next

Social Trends also predicts that church attenders as a proportion of the adult population will actually increase from one in eight, or 12 per cent, at present to one in seven, 14 per cent, by 2010.

Increased participation in Christian worship appears unlikely to make the population more law-abiding. The number of sentenced prisoners in England and Wales will increase by between 21 and 26 per cent during the 1990s, even after the latest Home Office proposals on non-custodial sentences are taken into

The total population in custody prisoners who have been sentenced and those on remand - is predicted to increase from just under 50,000 in

• The report shows a marked expansion of further and higher education during 1970s and 1980s. The number of fulltime students in further education almost doubled to 414,000 and the number of full-time higher education students rose by 37 per cent in the same period to 367,000.

The average size of classes was smaller. In 1988, the average number of pupils per teacher in state schools was 18.3 compared with 23.2 in 1971. In primary schools, the number of classes with more than 31 pupils was 34 per cent in 1977; 10 years later it had halved to 17 per cent.

The qualifications of school leavers also improved. In 1988, 62 per cent of girls left school with at least one GCSE at grade C or better, compared with 54 per cent of boys. In 1971, only 44 per cent of girls and 43 per cent of boys reached this grade, Social Trends said.

Social Trends 20: 1990 Edition (Stationery Office; £21.95).

Men blamed in more divorces

The main reason for the everincreasing divorce rate in Britain appears to be the unreasonable behaviour" of

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In England and Wales in alone a quarter. 1988, some seven out of every 10 divorce decrees were granted to wives and in more than half of those the main reason cited for the irretrievable breakdown of the marriage was the husband's behaviour. His adultery was cited in just under 30 per cent of cases.

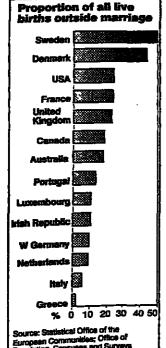
Since the easing of the proportion in 1971. conditions under which couples could divorce in the late 1960s, there has been a marked switch in reasons given for break-up. In the early 1970s, the main grounds for divorce for both wives and husbands was the fact that they had lived apart for a number of years.

Since then adultery by wives and unreasonable behaviour by husbands have fractionally from 13 to 14 per become by a large margin the cent of all households acmost common reasons.

More and more couples seem to be living together without getting married. The proportion of women aged between 18 and 49 who were cohabiting has more than doubled during the past decade to 7.7 per cent.

The United Kingdom not only heads the EC divorce league (a position shared with (with Portugal) for marriages. In 1988 - the most recent year for which figures were collected - in a third of marriages, one party was a divorcee. Marriages between bach-elors and spinsters accounted for 64 per cent of marriages, compared with 86 per cent at the beginning of the 1960s.

Even so, married couples remain the backbone of domestic life in Britain. In 1987, married couples with dependent children formed 44.1 per cent of all households: married couples with adult children or no children



THE FAMILY

at all comprised a third of households, and people living

Lone parents with young children — frequently the object of attention of government ministers anxious about the break-up of the traditional family - formed less than 5 per cent of households; but 14 per cent of children lived with only one parent - double the

Social Trends also sheds light on another household group whose alleged growth has alarmed ministers; single women who get pregnant to "jump" the queue for council housing. During the later 1980s, it turns out, the proportion of those accepted by councils as homeless who were classified as "household member pregnant" rose only cepted as homeless.

Between 1971 and 1988, the proportion of illegitimate births in England and Wales increased from one in 12 births to one in four. Earlier in this period, the prevalence of births outside marriage among young black women was striking, but recent illegitimacy rates among women born in the Caribbean have stabilized ile those for United K dom-horn women have been accelerating.

Although illegitimacy was strikingly higher in the United Kingdom in 1987 than in West Germany, The Nether-lands, Italy, Australia and Canada, it was lower than in France, Sweden, Denmark and the United States.

According to official projections, women will have other calls on their time in the 1990s besides child-rearing. Much of the predicted increase in the size of the labour force is likely to come from the increasing proportion of women who work outside the home.

In 1971, women formed 37 per cent of the labour force in Great Britain and this figure is set to rise to 44 per cent by the end of the decade. Women of West Indian origin are noticeably more likely to be employed outside the home; Pakistani and Bangladeshi women are, so far, markedly under-represented in the lab-

About half of all British women of working age had or were seeking jobs in 1987, more than in most other European countries, except Denmark. Just over 41 per cent of West German women in the relevant age groups work, though they work on average four hours more per week than their British counterparts.

British men, meanwhile, work more hours per week than in any other European Community country — at 43.5 hours per week some 2.8 hours



Baby boom: The present high birth rate, a reflection of the boom 20 years ago, will peak in 1992 with a further peak in 2020.

The rise of the home buyer

During Mrs Thatcher's de-cade in power, the owner-occupation habit has set in ong 20-year-olds, the number of heroin addicts has tripled, the pound in our pockets has shrunk, and each rusehold is on average nearly

a third better off than it was.

The fortunes of various groups have naturally differed. Take, for example, parents with children going into higher education. In 1980, the official assessment of what they ought to contribute to their student child's board and lodging was 13 per cent of what the Government thought the student needed. By the end of 1987, that figure had risen to 31 per cent — the real value of the grant paid to students having dropped in the same period by nearly 10 per cent.

THATCHER'S BECADE VIVI

However, such parents were still better off than at the start the eighties, with household disposable income rising by a quarter — after inflation between 1981 and 1988. The most wealthy 1 per cent

of the population owned 21 per cent of all marketable wealth (excluding pension rights) in 1981, and 18 per cent in 1987. The share of the least wealthy half of the population rose in the same period from 6 to 7 per cent. In other words, in 1988, half the people owned 93 per cent of the wealth while the other half owned the rest.

Taking 1985 as a baseline, the decade saw household spending on food, drink, and consumer durables all rise in

● In 1987, the top 1 per cent owned

18 per cent of the wealth, compared

In 1971, the average man had to

work 22 minutes to pay for a dozen

medium-sized eggs. By 1988, he had

with 31 per cent in 1971.

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tugal still seem cheaper to British visitors in terms of what the pound will buy, but they were noticeably less economical to visit in 1988 than seven years previously. The growth of the drugs problem is reflected in the number of registered addicts,

1981 to 5,212 by 1988. Doubtless they provided

increased numbers of social workers. In 1981, there were 28,400 social workers in the United Kingdom; by 1987, there were 33,400 - and total amounts. Some of the biggest increases in spending w buying meals out and holidays abroad; spending on books and employment in the social services increased from 250,900 newspapers dropped.

Measured by its purcha to 288,200.

The number of council homes under construction dropped from 58,000 in 1981 to 21,000 in 1988, while the number of homeless rose. power abroad, the pound has not had a good innings. Such countries as Greece and Por-Homeless people formed 26 per cent of those being offered new lettings by councils in Ragiand and Wales, up from 16 per cent in 1981-82.

Meanwhile owner-occupiers grew in number. Some 54 per cent of households were owner-occupiers in 1981; by 1987 the figure was 63 per

it took £1 in 1988 to purchase goods that would have cost the predecimal equivalent of 9p in 1951.

A loaf cost six minutes' work in 1988, down from nine in 1971. It needed 11 minutes' work for a pint of beer, instead of 14 in 1971.

Concern grows as foliage thins

Increasing public concern about the environment is reflected in the inclusion in Social Trends for the first time of a graphic measure of the pollution.

ment shows the amount of green foliage, notably on broad-leaved trees, has been shrinking, largely as a result of acid rain.

A sample of leaf cover on trees in 74 separate sample plots throughout the United Kingdom, monitored in 1987 and 1988, showed a marked increase in the destructive effect of atmospheric acidity. In 1987, 55 per cent of all

 The UK population - 57 million in 1988 - will reach 60 million by 2011.

There is one bottle bank for every 14,000 people, compared with one for every 2,000 in Germany.

 Lead emission from cars is half the 1980 level.

broad-leaved trees in the ple suffered a reduction in what is called "crown density", ranging from 11 per cent up to a small number of trees suffering 100 per cent reduc-

In 1988, the proportion of trees in the same category had risen to 69 per cent.

In spite of - or because of environmental degradation, Social Trends gives no sign that the national love affair with the motor car is abating. On the contrary, the average daily flow of motor vehicles increased by 40 per cent in the 12 years to 1988 and is

projected to go on increasing. The rate of increase in car ownership seems to have tailed off but privately owned cars, taxis and motorcycles now account for more than 80 per cent of all passenger transport, measured in kilometres travelled per pas-senger, compared with about half at the start of the 1960s. Britain is towards the bot-

tom of European Community rankings of road vehicles per 1,000 population. The UK has 386, compared with 513 in West Germany, 518 in France and 544 in Italy. Britain ranks above Spain with 326 and the Irish Republic with 240.

However, Britain is safer than in France, where in 1987 there were 19.4 deaths on the road per 100,000 people in the country, more than twice the British figure. Portugal was easily the most dangerous place in Europe, with 31.5 road deaths per 100,000 Social Trends shows that

ENVIRONMENT

British motorists may already be anticipating the construceffects of atmospheric tion of the Channel tunnel. The number of visits to EC Data supplied by the countries by sea fell during the Department of the Environ-later 1980s, although the total later 1980s, although the total volume of travel between the UK and elsewhere in the EC rose by well over half.

More travel has gone hand in hand with increased environmental awareness. Since 1985, emission of lead from petrol has fallen sharply, while total petrol consumption has been rising.

The data give mixed signals about people's environmental consciousness. Between 1981 and 1988, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds added 100,000 new members while the National Trust

added 600,000. The Woodland Trust tripled its membership and the World Wide Fund for Nature doubled its.

By and large, the 1980s were good for voluntary groups, although not necessarily for their clients.

The number of people visiting Citizens' Advice Bureaux increased markedly from 4.5 million in 1981 to 7.6 million in 1988, Alcoholics Anonymous showed a 50 per cent increase in its client roster in the same period.

However, seve organizations, notably the Mothers' Union, the Royal British Legion's women's section and the National Federation of Women's Institutes, all recorded membership losses in the 1980s. So did the Red Cross, whose membership fell from 76,000 in 1981 to 57,000

in 1988. Not all youth organizations showed an increase in membership, but even those which lost young people seem to have attracted more adult

In the 20 years prior to 1988, Social Trends notes how the membership of the Scouts and Cubs dropped while the number of adult helpers grew from 75,000 to 97,000. There was a similar pattern for Guides and Brownies.

While membership of the Boys' Brigade dropped from 140,000 in 1971 to 116,000 in 1988, adult helpers in the movement increased by about

> The chances of being hurt in a road accident are highest from 5pm to 6pm weekdays.

 Flying is the safest travel while motorcyclists have the worst safety record.

 Cyclists are second only to motorcyclists in injury rísk.

More suffer violence

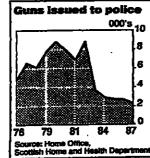
Britain ranks as one of the safer countries of the western world, as measured by murder

According to figures for homicides per 100,000 people collected for 1986, Britain ranks above Norway and Japan, but well below Belgium, Hungary, Australia and, of course, the United States.

Other indices of public safety are more mixed. Serious offences (including drugs, sex offences, theft and violence against the person) in England and Wales fell by 5 per cent between 1987 and 1988; however the number of cases of violence against the person increased by 12 per cent in the

same period. The number of rape proecutions doubled during the 1980s - which may reflect more the willingness of vic-





tims to report such offences than an increase in the number of attacks. In 1988, 2,900 rapes were recorded by police in England and Wales and 72 per cent of them were subsequently cleared up.

The police — in spite of

incidents involving guos have been using firearms less and less recently. In 1987, in England and Wales, firearms were issued to the police 2,185 times – the lowest figure since a peak in 1979 of 8,314. Meanwhile, the number of officers authorized to carry firearms has been falling - it haived between 1983 and 1988 when there were nearly 7,200 authorized officers. But if the crime figures are

mixed, there is no disputing the increasing litigiousness of British society. Social Trends notes that during the 1980s, the number of barristers increased from 4,685 to 5,944 while the number of solicitors increased by more than 10,000 to nearly 51,000 in 1988. Numbers of judges also increased, while the lay magistracy shrank.



Scottish soccer healthy

While league soccer in Eng-land and Wales has suffered a sharp decline in attendances during the 1980s, the Scottish game appears to be in robust health. Attendances north of the border rose from 2.9 million in 1981-82 to just over 4 million in 1988-89. The sport which appears to

be enjoying a boom is rugby union, with attendances at matches very nearly tripling during the same period, from 750,000 to 2,000,000. Rugby league too has gained

LEISURE

751,000 in 1988-89. In 1987 nearly 17 per cent of household expenditure went on leisure, broadly defined to include drinking and meals out as well as do-it-yourself and hobbies. Total weekly spending in 1987 on leisure per household was £31.52. In this drinks bought outside the home was the largest item, at £6.23. Cinema tickets avcraged 11p, hardly more than at the beginning of the period and a fall in real terms. Elsewhere in Social Trends there is mixed evidence of the

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public's affection for small households had a video recorder. The proportion which had a video and where the main breadwinner was unemployed was close to the Cricket seems to be sharing national average. The estithe depression of English mated number of households league soccer: attendances at with videos was 9.6 million in test and county events fell 1986 and 12.2 million in 1988.



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From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

President Gorbachov suffered a serious defeat yesterday when the Supreme Soviet failed to endorse his plan to enhance the powers of the state presidency. The immediate review of Article Six of the Constitution, guaranteeing the Communist Party's monopoly on power, has also been called into question.

After a heated exchange of posal for an extraordinary meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies to sanction the new post and revise Article Six did not receive the required two-thirds majority. The voting - 241 for, 161 against and 32 abstentions forced the Soviet leader to look for other ways of pushing

taken. The vote represented a landmark in Soviet politics as the usually tractable Supreme Soviet turned on its creator.

The convening of a special congress was formally tabled by the Praesicium of the Supreme Soviet at the weekend, but it was first introduced in Mr Gorbachov's address to the Communist Party's Central Committee meeting last week. The vote reflected the strong feelings expressed from views, Mr Gorbachov's pro- the floor during the morning session, both on the question of recalling the Congress of People's Deputies and on the

post of president. Some deputies expressed misgivings about the cost of reconvening the 2,250-member Congress less than two months after its last session (it meets only twice a year).

Others argued that the decision had been taken hast-The subject was held over decision had been taken hast-and will be submitted to a full ily. The Congress had been

27. They said two weeks was insufficient to prepare so weighty a piece of legislation. Yet others questioned the timing of the special session, in the middle of the local and republic-level election

Soviet deputies at the con- deputies yesterday questioned

Sydney - Mr Nikelai Ryzh-kov, the visiting Seviet Prime Minister, yesterday voiced his support for a radical economic transformation of his country during talks in Canberra (Robert Cockburn writes).

Mr Ryzhkov discussed bilateral trade and Asian-Pacific security with Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Min-

troduced last year, any new do-nothing deputies. law and any change in the Constitution has to be approved by the full Congress.

Soviet is selected from Con- so, whether the matter was There seemed also to be an egress deputies, it has come to undercurrent of resentment regard itself as a superior on the part of the 450 Supreme professional body. Several

Ryzhkov's radical line

given Mr Hawke a detailed description of the "positive place in the Soviet Union. Observers here of Soviet

politics said that Mr Ryzhkov, previously noted for a cautious approach to change, was more outspoken yesterday in sup-porting Mr Gorbachov's rad-ical plans to transform the

the political reforms in even described them as 2,250

Strong misgivings were also expressed about whether it was advisable to increase the Although the Supreme powers of the President and, if quite as urgent as Mr Gorbachov suggested.

Several deputies alluded

darkly to the harm done in the past by over-powerful individuals. An appeal from the radical Inter-regional Group of Deputies approved an executive presidency in principle, but called for constitutional safeguards, including a fixed term of office, a direct election from a selection of candidates representing a diversity of parties, parliamentary con-

Others criticized the concept as insufficiently well formulated. The Soviet Union am not deaf . . . If life de-

dency - the American and deputy argued.

Another said the proposal would make the Soviet Union's fledgeling democracy look foolish.

"First we elect a new-style Sunreme Soviet with a president then, 18 months later, we say we have to create a new post, also called president, to which we will elect the same Mr Gorbachov replied that

there was no restriction on other candidat He said he had initially doubted the wisdom of having straints on power and the right an executive presidency, but others had convinced him of

there was no guarantee that he

would take the new post and

planned to start on February stitutional pre-eminence en- the usefulness of so large a should first consider possible mands such changes, then the joyed by the Congress. Under parliamentary body, and one models for its executive presi-Supreme Soviet found dep-

operative mood. Passions many months - deputies were aroused by the Soviet military assault on Baku were never far from the surface, with a special item on the Transcaucasus finally included on the agenda after angry interventions from Armenian and Azerbaijani deputies.

Azerbaijanis barracked the opening proceedings until Mr Gorbachov, as chairman, met their demand for one minute's silence in honour of the region's dead. Tajik deputies were passing out black ribbons in memory of the victims of the latest outbreak of ethnic

Events in Baku and their aftermath had also made an impression on the Supreme Soviet agenda. Along with

ownership, land use and rela-The opening day of the tions between the republics and Moscow - legislation only then draft legislation, one uties in a generally unco- which has been in draft for also presented with some new draft laws for scrutiny. They included laws on violations of the rights of national minorities, on the rights and obligations of Interior Ministry troops (those customarily used during civil distinbances), and on the constitutional mechanism for deciaring a state of emergency.

After the Baku events there was much criticism of the tendency for such decisions to be taken by a narrow circle of people, whose identity was uncertain and who were unaccountable to any elected body. The new law, together with the proposed post of executive president, are measures designed, at least in part, to meet those criticisms.

'Open Skies' conference

Kremlin softens view of German links with Nato

From Martin Fletcher, Ottawa

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the force ceilings of 195,000 a side Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday went as far as he has yet many remaining in Nato. He told reporters in Ottawa:

"I think that the ideal solution would be a neutral Germany. How realistic it is is a ques-

The Soviet Foreign Min-ister was speaking the day after the end of the two-day "Open Skies" conference in the Canadian capital which left the foreign ministers of the 23 Nato and Warsaw Pact nations reeling at what they

Two days of raw, behindthe-scenes diplomacy culminated in the Soviets' unexpected agreement to US proposals for more cuts in the tinue at the ongoing Vienna two superpowers' conven-negotiations and Nato has two superpowers' conventional forces in Europe and to made its agreement to a CSCE a framework for resolving the profound issues raised by German reunification.

The conference agreed to establish a major 35-nation summit under the auspices of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) later this year to shape a new European order.

The official business of the conference was aimost a sideshow, but the ministers unanimously endorsed the principle of an Open Skies regime under which all Nato and Warsaw Pact territories would be subject to unrestricted aerial surveillance by the other side. Dissereements remain, but no one now doubts that an Open Skies treaty will be signed in Budapest, Hungary, in late April or early May.

There was little pomp or ceremony in Ottawa. Instead there was hard grind, with Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, leading a ruthless drive for agreement in a frenetic schedule of hastily arranged private meetings with, primarily, Mr Shevard-

Put crudely, the Soviets were routed, not least because previously subservient Warsaw Pact nations openly op-posed the Soviet line on several issues.

Mr Shevardnadze was obligedto accept US proposals for new ceilings on superpower conventional forces in Europe just days after they had been explicitly rejected by

The US proposal was for

in Europe's central zone but with an additional 30,000 US gone in indicating that the troops in Britain, Italy, Greece Soviet Union may drop its and Turkey. Moscow insisted opposition to a united Germany remaining in Nato.

on parity throughout Europe.
The US refused. Western diplomats believe the Soviets backed down because, with East European countries demanding the withdrawal of Soviet troops, they are des-perate for a Conventional Forces in Europe (CSE) treaty this year.

The Soviet climb-down removes what Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian Foreign Minister, described as "one of the most significant obstacles" to a CSE treaty. However no progress was made on the other big obstacle, which is limits on combat aircraft.

That argument will consummit this autumn conditional on a CSE treaty being

Moscow also gave significant ground in agreeing a "two

Cape Canaveral (AP) - Two launched from Florida yesterday to test a plan to destroy enemy missiles by bounci laser beams off orbiting mirrors. A mirror en one satellite was designed to reflect lasers fired from a mountain in Hawaii back to a ground

plus four" framework for resolving the German reunification question, which will consist of talks between the two Germanies and the four wartime powers.

According to Western dip-Iomats, Mr Shevardnadze arrived in Ottawa wanting the issues hammered out by the four wartime powers alone. Britain, France and the US said that would be appropriate only for settling Berlin's

The talks are likely to start in Germany soon after East Germany's March 18 elections. Western ministers are adamant that a united Germany must remain in Nato and Mr Douglas Hurd, the British Foreign Secretary, claimed that Poland and Hungary also supported that view. Nato ministers are willing to make some concessions to help prevent domestic prob-

lems for Mr Gorbachov on the

Border watchdog completes patrol

By Michael Evans, Defence Corresponder

Mr Thomas "Tommy" Jones, years with the tiny Ministry of a legendary member of the Defence unit which watched kilometre section of the inner German border since the end of the Second World War, has completed his final patrol at Helmstedt. After nearly 30

British Frontier Service which as the Wall went up in 1961 has kept watch over a 650- and as it came down in 1989, Mr Jones is to become a Chelsea Pensioner. The British Frontier Ser-

now being run down and could be wound up in six months if the reunification of Germany goes ahead. -

Mr Jones, who was awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List, joined the Brit-ish Frontier Service in 1960 and moved to the border town of Helmstedt in 1974. Yesterday he said: "For 16 years at Helmstedt, the East German border guards never spoke to me ... All they did was take pictures of me from behind bushes."

He added: "When the bor-

Soldiers kill eight in Tajikistan unrest

Eight people were killed yes-terday in Dushanbe, capital of the Soviet republic of Tajiki-stan, when Soviet troops fired on demonstrators without warning, residents said. As the death toll from this week's unrest was reported to have reached 45, President Gorbachov demanded new laws to deal with ethnic rioting. "We must do everything to put out the fire," he said.

Soviet television said violence had spread to other parts of the Central Asian republic. Radio broadcasts urged people to keep off the streets and the local Communist Party met in urgent session.

limits to foreign journalists amid reports, probably exag-gerated, of armed crowds seeking out people who looked like Armenians, Russians or Europeans. But, by evening, local contacts reported that the crowds and the Soviet Interior Ministry troops had pulled back after agreement between the newly formed Renaissance popular movement and Taiik-

However, Tass and Interfax, the Radio Moscow agency, were still reporting a deteriorating situation' Radio Moscow said 39 people had died since riots began on Monday, apparently started by rumours that refugee Armenians were being given scarce local housing.

issues were more political. Renaissance intermediaries told party officials that peace would be restored only by the resignations of Mr Kakhar Makhkamov, the party First Secretary, and the republic's President and Prime Minister.

According to unconfirmed reports, similar demands have been made elsewhere in Tajikistan amid charges that party officials are corrupt or incompetent. With anti-Communist feeling growing in many republics, these de-have agreed in principle to mands are beginning to form a demands for top-level pattern. Calls for officials to resignations.



City under siege: A Soviet tank crew stands guard over the Central Committee building in Dushanbe, where rioting has claimed dozens of lives this week.

resign are being backed up by the kind of public expression of indignation witnessed in Peking dismayed by Muslim uprising Eastern Europe.

the Tajikistan Communist Party decided last night to retain the state of emergency and night-time curfew imposed on Monday. But officials seemed likely to accede to demands for three days of

Party leaders are also reported to have decided to hold another emergency plenum and a meeting of the republic's Praesidium. There were unconfirmed reports that they

The rioting in Soviet Tajiki-

stan has brought ethnic conflict too close to China for Peking's comfort. Mr Ismail Amat, the minister responsible for minor-

ities, has warned that ethnic unrest across the border may stir up nationalistic feeling in China, and that such a phenomenon would threaten national stability. He said at a conference in

Peking that the work of the State Nationalities Commission had been complicated by "recent developments of ethnic conflicts in the Soviet the China Daily yesterday, recent unrest in China's eth- about the prize,

Union, radical changes in the East European countries, and the awarding of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize to the Dalai Lama", the exiled Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader. Using the customary official

formula, he blamed nationalistic fervour on "separatists and forces hostile to the party and socialism" at home and abroad who "stir up turmoil and conduct separatist activities under ethnic or religious disguise".

Mr Amat's comments were reported on the front page of

and are in line with concerned nic-minority regions. But that statements from officials dur- is not to say there has been appear," he said.

Tajikistan borders on one of China's most sensitive and easily inflamed ethnic minority regions - the predominantly Muslim Xinjiang, once eastern Turkestan, where there have been anti-Chinese protests in recent years.

There has been no news of

ing the past few weeks. "We none, as unrest would not must take good care that necessarily be reported in the ethnic differences do not state-controlled media, and intensify. They must be taken anyway many of the regions under strict control when they are not easily accessible. China has 55 minorities, who inhabit 64 per cent of the nation's land.

Lhasa the Tibetan capital has been under martial law since last March, but small scale demonstrations broke out in response to the Dalai Lama's award. China has repeatedly vented its anger

Modrow complains of 'bitterest defeat' in Bonn opposition Social Democrats fact that the East German SPD

Herr Hans Modrow, the stand-in East German Prime Minister, flew home with his dispirited team of 17 ministers yesterday after two days of futile efforts to gain some say in the reunification of the two Their arguments and hopes

went largely unheard as Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, made it blatantly obvious that he wanted to waste little time or effort talking to a government he knows will be swept out of office by the East German elections next month.

With the daunting strength of the Deutschmark to support him, the Chancellor is leading a breathtaking charge to reunification. He is dictating terms to East Germany and, while being scrupulously correct in keeping the Four Powers informed about what is happening, he is now setting

has to face his own electorate on December 2, for he knows that his chances of re-election, which seemed so poor just six months ago, will be immeasureably boosted if he can campaign as the man who reunited the country.

He is moving with speed and confidence boosted by opinion polls which show the public in both states overwhelmingly in favour of unity. He is bent on exploiting that mood before too many questions need to be answere about what it will cost the

He is certainly not prepared to spend money now. Herr Kohl promised "new dimensions" of aid to East Germany last year - provided a free troduced. That has not been done yet and the Chancellor has stuck resolutely by this

Despite pleading from Herr

system even if it does mean that 2,000 East Germans a day are joining the dole and housing queues in the West.

Herr Modrow came to Bonn to ask for funds to stop the exodus. Instead, with no extra

economy possible even before Modrow's hand. He had to go the March 18 elections. The back to do as Herr Kohl told

Strasbourg — In a swift re-sponse to the imminent fasion of the two German currencies, President Mitterrand of he told French regional news-France is pushing European papers yesterday. "The Inter-Community leaders to begin governmental Conference to Community leaders to begin talks on their own economic and monetary union this som-

than planned (Peter Guilford writes).

(SPD), he says he will not send announced that they were money to prop up a socialist ready to create a private banking and capital market immediately after the election showed that Herr Kohl had already won the economic

The SPD is widely expected to lead the next government money, the communists have and is even likely to win an been forced to promise re- overall majority, so this forms to make a free market undertaking forced Herr

Monetary union urged tion of the European process,"

elaborate new (EC) treaties could take place this summer. mer, up to six months earlier Why wait for December?" he accept clearly the present western border of Poland. said. The December date was

was Frau Christa Luft, his Economics Minister, who complained that she had waited for an hour, only to be given half a sheet of paper with virtually nothing on it. Herr Mathias Platzek, an Opposition minister from the East German Greens, complained that their treatment had been "schoolmasterish" He was backed by the West

German Greens who said the

bitterest defeat" for socialism

and he was very disappointed,

he told reporters yesterday. So

delegation had been forced to negotiate "with a pistol to their breasts". Not only was the Chancellor criticized over his refusal to hand over money, but Herr Gerd Poppe, of the Peace and Human Rights Movement, was unhappy about the way the Chancellor had refused to

This is a subject which will

strictly between the new Germany and the four countries which had defeated the old The question of the new Germany's alliances or neutralism is the most difficult one to be answered on the way

brusquely turned down a re-

involved in the talks. This, he

Fears about the potential threat of a powerful Germany are deep-rooted and a reason why the Western allies are so insistent on keeping a united Germany inside Nato and on integrating it totally in the European Community.

to reunification.

Herr Kohl, backed by the ingenious arguments of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, his Foreign Minister, has repeatedly confirmed his loyalty to the alliance, but this - in turn womies apparently the Soviet Union.

rites). agreed at the Strasbourg sum-"The acceleration of the mit last year. Letters, page 15 Fearful Poland demands seat at the table for unity talks

by Michael Knipe Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Polish Prime Minister, yesterday under-lined the sensitivities of Germany's neighbours on the question of reunification by insisting that Poland be involved directly in any

negotiations. Western governments welcomed the agreement reached in Ottawa on unity talks taking place within a framework consisting of the two Germanies and four wartine Allied powers. But Mr Mazowiecki said Poland should also be present at any discussions involving Germany's

Aware of such concern, Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West Ger-

man Foreign Minister, spent an hour yesterday discussing the implications of remification on Germany's neighbours.

The Polish leader pressed his point home in talks with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. At a press conference, he did not reject the proposed "two plus four" talks, but said Poland's involvement should supplementary.

"We want to be present wherever the question of the security of Germany's neighbours is discussed. Our stand is that our security matters cannot be settled by proxy.

He rejected the idea of observer

status. "Either one is present there,

and our voice matters, or one looks

at it from a distance." Asked if he

Britain, Mr Mazowiecki said: "At this point I can say the British side responded to our position with full understanding."

He called for a treaty which would ensure the inviolability of Poland's post-war borders, which include large territories previously held by Germany. These borders had to be settled legally in the form of a treaty. West Germany had always main-

tained it could not take a definite position because there was no peace treaty, Mr Mazowiecki said. "Let us now cross this threshold." Asked what his preference would be between a unified Germany that was neutral or one aligned with

Nato, he said he understood the

neutral Germany was being proposed, but Poland did not share the view. Such a solution might lead to a repetition of what had existed in Europe after the First World War and it would be better for Germany to be part of the general European The Ottawa agreement is regarded

in Whitehall as a big step forward on the question of German reunification. With concern mounting over the speed of economic decline in East Germany there is relief that the two plus four framework will provide a mechanism for handling the complexities of the reunification

Whitehall sources emphasize that the framework is not regarded as historical reasons why the idea of a exclusive and should leave plenty of

In her talks with Dr Genscher, Mrs Thatcher explained that Britain fully supported German reunification, but believed it important that it should take place in a framework which took account of the security and consequences for neighbouring

Herr Genscher said after the meeting that he expected the sixpower group involved in the reunification talks would present proposals to a 35 nation European summit later this year. Asked if he was disappointed by

Mrs Thatcher's attitude, Herr Genscher laughed and said: "How could I be disappointed? The Prime Minister has expressed her support for German unity.

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COMMUNISM IN CRISIS

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Romanian protests gather pace as officers mutiny

From Christopher Walker, Bucharest

a dangerous new stage yes-terday as the mutiny inside the armed forces intensified and crack paratroopers who have guarded the television headquarters since its liberation in December were prevented by student vigilantes from obeying orders to vacate the

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Leaders of the main oppo-sition parties accused the rul-ing National Salvation Front, widely regarded as a cover for old-style Communists, of tioned because over 1,500 entrenching its position by coopting members of the hated

Air Force have been mounting Securitate into the Army. Uniformed Securitate men were sent to take over the guarding of the television building from the paratroopers whose loyalty was said to be in doubt.

During the day, demonstrators formed a human chain and used buses to prevent the 100 paratroops from leaving.

We want them to stay and guard the building. That is the way to protect the revolution. We did not die to have Securitate men put back on duty again," said Mr Vasile

Romania's revolution entered searching all vehicles to make sure that paratroopers were not being smuggled out from

the headquarters. The building houses the famous Studio No 4 where the revolution was forged in December. Students protesting yesterday next to a flowercovered shrine to the dead

threatened "a second revolu-

tion" if government plans were not reversed. The loyalty of the paratroops was put into quesa protest outside the Front's headquarters less than a mile away. They are demanding far reaching changes in the organization of the armed services as well as the dismissal of the defence and interior ministers. The protesting officers share the same commanders as the

their support. The Air Force officers from the town of Timisoara, the crucible of the revolution, have since Monday been in the forefront of a mutiny now spreading to other sections of

paratroops and claim to have

cers are arriving all the time also calling for the right to from different areas. We are resign their commissions, an determined to get our way." said a moustachioed major who pilots one of Romania's

Last night, crowds were converging on Victory Square in front of the Government's headquarters. Some carried placards stating: "We are with the honest part of the Army". The demonstrators chanted

"Down with the Securitate" and "Down with Militaru", a reference to the veteran Defence Minister, General Nicolae Militaru. He is the bête noire of many younger officers who believe he was thoroughly compromised during the Ceausescu regime.

The Air Force officers, military academy, have handed the Front a list of 13 demands. They include the sacking of all Army officers involved in the shooting of unarmed demonstrators in Timisoara between December 16 and 20, which sparked the

provided to The Times showed that the officers were mysterious circumstances".

end to "patriotic education" consultation over promotions and the sacking of all the retirement by the Front to run the armed services.

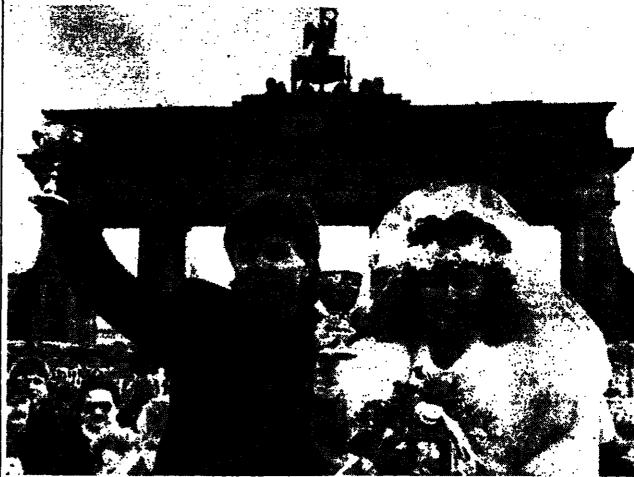
A delegation from the protesting officers was having consultations with Mr Gelu Voican-Voiculescu, the Dep-uty Prime Minister, about the demands, but there were signs that the Front was determined to resist attempts to ous General Militaru.

The future of the unpopular Interior Minister, General Mihai Chitac, appeared less

The Air Force pilot, who refused to give his name, said standing alongside protesting that the protesters had ob-cadets from Bucharest's top tained a video-tape which showed conclusively that General Chitac had been involved in giving orders to fire on unarmed demonstrators in Timisoara.

He claimed that Romanian television had refused to broadcast the tape and had lost" another recording the officers' negotiations with Mr Voican-Voiculescu

East-West ties on Valentine's Day



West Berliners applauding Fräulein Barbara Hartung, of East Berlin, and Herr Oliver Matalla, of West Berlin, as they drink to a happy, united future after getting married in front of the Brandenburg Gate in West Berlin on St Valentine's Day.

West ready to ease

ordinating Committee for sador to Paris, told journalists Multilateral Export Controls earlier this week that Wash-Japan, Australia and the ington — Cocom's most Nato members, minus Iceland - began a two-day meeting here yesterday, with their usual secrecy, to discuss the relaxation of curbs on the export of high technology to East bloc countries.

Formed in 1949, at the height of the Cold War, the committee, known as Cocom, was created to stop the sale of technology adaptable for military use by the Soviet Union and its allies. It has always maintained an extremely low

powerful member - now accepted the need to modernize what was now probably an outdated list of curbs.

there was a need to tighten up on other hi-tech exports.

Until now, the Americans have resisted pressure from European countries to look again at the checklist of goods to which the Eastern bloc. ought not to be allowed access.

Computers, telecommuni-With the crumbling of di-visions between East and West, Mr Walter Curley, the cations and machine tools are likely to be the first categories

WORLD ROUNDUP

Austrians to pay

New York (NYT) — Austria has concluded agreements to pay nearly \$200 million (£118 million) in benefits to Jews who suffered there during the Nazi era, according to officials

here. About \$165 million will be paid in social insurance

benefits to people who were living in the country as

youngsters during the Anschluss, Hitler's annexation in Austria has long said that it was merely a victim of the Nazis and therefore not accountable for what happened to

its Jews. While the Vienna Government did not explicitly

accept responsibility in the new agreements, Rabbi Israel Miller of New York, the chief Jewish negotiator, said: "The

act itself indicates an acceptance of responsibility." East

Germany has also said it could be held accountable for

crimes against the Jews, and is prepared to pay reparations.

Stockholm - Beset by a wave of industrial unrest which has

closed banks and threatens to spread to the national health service, Sweden drifted further into political crisis yesterday as it became increasingly likely that the Social Democratic

Government would be forced to resign (Christopher Mosey writes). Deprived of communist support, the Government of Mr Ingvar Carlsson now looks likely to lose today's vote in Parliament on its austerity package, in which case Mr Carlsson has said that he will resign. However, rather than

declare a new election, he is expected to give the Speaker of the House the task of trying to form a new Government. This would mean that Mr Carlsson is likely to return as

Branagh Oscar hope Los Angeles — British actors Kenneth Branagh, who gambled heavily by turning his stage version of Henry Vinto

a film, and Daniel Day-Lewis, as the Irish cerebral palsy writer-painter Christy Brown in My Left Foot, yesterday emerged as front-runners for Best Actor Oscars (Ivor Davies). Both men were nominated in a list that includes Tom Cruise as a paraplegiec Vietnam Marine in Born on the

Fourth of July, Morgan Freeman as the chauffeur in Born on the Fourth of July, Morgan Freeman as the chauffeur in Driving Miss Daisy and Robin Williams as the teacher in Dead Poet's Society. British actresses also showed up strongly in the Best Actress stakes, with Pauline Collins, who recreated her stage role in Shirley Valentine, among the runners.

Refugee gangs clash

Hong Kong - Riot police yesterday stormed the Whitehead
detention centre, the colony's largest boat people camp, for

detention centre, the colony's largest boat people camp, for the second time in 24 hours, to quell a bloody brawl between rival gangs of Vietnamese that left 28 people injured (Jonathan Braude-writes). Rioters fled back to their domnitories as 400 police and prison stafffired tear gas. The fighting was brought under control by the end of the morning. Only hours earlier, police had left the camp with hundreds of home-made spears and knives, found after a similar riot on Tuesday. Meanwhile, the Government has leunched an inquiry into allegations that some prison

Threat to Carlsson

for Nazi crimes

hi-tech export bans From Sussan MacDonald, Paris The 17 countries of the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls and to Paris, told journalists earlier this week that Washhas fallen.

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launched an inquiry into allegations that some prison service staff are involved in protection and extortion rackets run by Vietnamese in the camps. Snow stops skiing

Kappl, Austria - Huge snowfalls have brought disappointment rather than relief to skiers in the Alps (Philip Webster writes). Many Austrian resorts, waiting all winter for snow, were closed yesterday as too much had fallen. Ski villages were cut off after two days of blizzards. In parts of Austria, 64/2ft of snow fell in 36 hours, leaving acute avalanche risks. Heavy snowfall and high winds prompted avalanche warnings in the Swiss Alps above 1,500 metres (1,640 ft). In the French Alps, three people were reported missing after avalanches in Val d'Isère, Les Arcs and Avanchers.

Black conflict threatens to ignite South African tinderbox

From R. W. Johnson

Tens of thousands of blacks joined protest marches in South Africa y terday as police reported the deaths of 13 more people in violence following the release of Mr Nelson Mandela.

The state-run South African Broadcasting Corporation estimated that 100 blacks have died since Mr Mandela was released on Sunday. Four of yesterday's deaths occurred in two black townships in Natal province, while nine died in KwaNobuhle, near Uitenhage in the Cape province.

This rising violence, in Natal especially, is casting a dark and growing shadow over the land. About 3,000 blacks have already died in the savage fighting and well over 100,000 have been made homeless. Feelings run high, and the story you get depends on who you listen to.

According to the ANC/United Democratic Front (UDF) version, Chief Buthelezi and his Inkatha movement bear almost sole responsibility for the violence, and he has acted as a virtual extension of the white state. They point to numerous occasions when the South African Police and the Army have stood by and allowed inkatha warlords and their impis to wreak terrible havoc. Chief Buthelezi's own KwaZulu Police are seen as mere inkatha reinforcements. Inkatha's aggressive intent is proven for the UDF and the ANC by the fact that

there are more UDF casualties than Inkatha ones and that court actions and convictions against Inkatha activists far outnumber those against the UDF.

Inkatha continues to include within its inner councils a series of leaders from the squatter camps, who are nothing less than little medieval barons with fearsome private armies, with known multiple atrocities to their credit. Inkatha also encourages anti-Indian feeling among its followers and threatens a repeat of the bloody anti-Indian riots of 1949. Inkatha stands for tribalism,

• I hear shooting every night, and all the time houses are burning. I am sad all the time

tradition and the bad old Africa of bloodthirsty, autocratic chiefs. It has played the Government's game.

The Inkatha version, however, is that Chief Buthelezi only assumed power in KwaZulu after consultation with the ANC, and that the ANC was happy enough to entertain good relations with him in the late 1970s. Chief Buthelezi. they say, is a progressive, modern leader who is simply honest enough to accept the very real facts of Zulu national identity. He sees himself as part of the ANC tradition, which he feels has been hijacked by radicals in exile, most of them from the Xhosa tribe.

When the UDF decided to attack his Natal base it retained large numbers of lawyers in advance. The lawyers were told to be ready with affidavits because there was going to be a lot of trouble. Then the UDF bussed in "young Comrades" from Soweto, who taught the local UDF youth all their tricks. They intimidate people into supporting the UDF by burning their houses, holding "people's courts" which try and execute on the spot, and enforce school or work stay-aways by brute force.

Naturally, says Inkatha, it has sought to protect itself. If community leaders (so-called warlords) overstep the mark, Inkatha suspends them. If the UDF has taken more casualties, that is because its followers are like wildebeeste foolishly attacking an elephant.

Inkatha says it is not anti-Indian, but that the Natal Indian Congress, out of its hatred for Chief Buthelezi, has been buying guns for the young UDF Com-rades. They should remember 1949 and be careful. It is the UDF, says Inkatha, which relies on white power. Where areas are under KwaZulu control there is never any trouble; it is only where there is still some white authority for the UDF to run to that trouble occurs.

A great deal of what both say is true. A contest for political territory has run out of control. Every night since last November there have been houses in flames in KwaMashu township outside
Durban, Mpumalanga, the worst trouble
spot is a little I absence. spot, is a little Lebanon.

Most blacks find themselves squeezed between the contending groups and want only to be left alone. One KwaMashu woman told me: "I hear shooting every night. All the time houses are burning. I have had to leave my own house; people just run to friends, to churches to sleep, anywhere. I am sad all the time now."

The children too - though increasingly ANC-aligned - face pressure from both sides. During last September's white election the Comrades threatened to break the arms of children who did not observe a school boycott, while local Inkatha bosses threatened violence against those who stayed home. The situation is further complicated by the advantage that criminal gangs and vigilantes take of the violence and the territorial wars.

Increasingly, petrol bombs, sticks and machetes are giving way to guns, including the qwasha, a primitive pipegun made in the squatter camps. And the violence is spreading; from Pietermaritz-burg in the Natal hinterland, to Durban and then rippling down the Natal south coast. Only rural Zululand seems immune - so far.

Meanwhile, there is a spate of African attacks on Indians, and inflammatory leaflets have been circulated suggesting that the Indians will manipulate an ANC victory to bring in thousands of their

key UDF leader in Natal, said he was terrified by the tension that now exists

Last week he was summoned to the Indian suburb of Phoenix, in Durban, where a number of incidents had taken place along the border with a neighbouring black township. He found houses full of Indians, armed with rifles, arguing for a pre-emptive strike against the township. With them were a number of Indian policemen, apparently willing

between the two communities.

6 The young have been brutalized: they terrify parents and teachers and kill on a whim

to use their weapons as Indians rather than as policemen. Dr Coovadia helped prevent any raid taking place, but he wonders how long the line can be held.

The history of friction between Indians and blacks is long, but the turmoil in the squatter camps and townships has deeper causes. Beneath the warlords, is a growing black middle class, a large salaried and working class, and a great sea of unemployed. The troubles see an unholy alliance of top and bottom against the middle. Some of those in the middle seek refuge in one or other party;

Since November the approaching prospect of negotiations has sharpened political competition, as both ANC and Inkatha seek to improve their position. There is no doubt that the general euphoria created by the unbanning of the ANC and Mr Mandela's release has created a climate in which the ANC is gaining and Inkatha losing ground, which may explain the desperate resort to anti-Indian tactics.

In the end peace must come. But already the violence has created such feuds and bitterness that it will not be easy to stop. And everyone is aware that the problem of the township children will remain, for the youth have been brutalized. They terrify their parents and teachers, and fight and kill on a whim. Even one UDF leader has been known, off the record, to say that there will "have to be a real culling" of the youth. Others, like Dr Coovadia, hope for largescale schemes of social rehabilitation.

For the moment, the killing goes on with fresh intensity. Natal has become the most urgent problem facing Mr Mandela, for the eruption of a real pogrom against Indians (for example) could quickly see tens of thousands dead, large-scale Army intervention, and quite possibly a spread of violence to other communities. Despite its new and hopeful climate, South Africa is still a

Peace overtures ahead of 'drug summit'

From Geoffrey Matthews, Cartagena

Colombian cocaine racketeers size and sophistication of the have stolen some of the thunder accompanying President Bush's visit here today for the much-heralded "drug summit" by abandoning three huge cocaine-processing laboratories.

described the laboratories, buried in dense jungle about 200 miles south-west of Cartagena, as the biggest ever found in Colombia. Their combined monthly production was re- cocaine business ported to be 44,000 lb, worth \$800 million (£470 million).

The laboratories were located in the sparsely populated Caribbean coastal region of Antioquia department, whose capital is Medellin, the

Washington (AFP) -- The leader of one of Washington's largest and most violent drug ngs has been sentenced to life imprisonment for cocaine trafficking. Judge Charles much of their property con-Richey sentenced Rayful Ed- fiscated and narrowly escaped mond, aged 25, to life capture on several occasions. imprisonment without parole. It is a measure of the Edmond plans an appeal against the sentence.

corporate base of the most powerful cocaine cartel.

Medellin drug barons call themselves because they are said they had surrendered a laboratory as a gesture of their good faith in seeking to end they have terrorized by scor the drug war here and making of contract killings of judg peace with the Government of and lawyers over the years. President Barco.

simultaneously tipped off the there are plenty of middlepolice and the media to the exact locations of the laboratories on the eve of the

Cartagena summit Radio reporters who traversed rivers, lagoons and A force of 5,000 police was jungles to reach the place yesterday drafted into Carta-

plants, which appeared to have been abandoned in a

hurry. A work force of 150 is believed to have operated the laboratories, living on the site for months on end but in some Radio reports here style, with air conditioning, escribed the laboratories, television, video and enormous refrigerators.

While the abandoning of the laboratories was significant, it hardly signals an end to the

Opinions here differ over the sincerity of the peace overtures made by Pablo Escobar, the "godfather" of the Medellin cartel, and his close confederate, Jorge Lus Ochoa. Both are blamed for escalating the drug war last August, when they unleashed a wave of "narco-terrorism" in the form of bombings and murders.

Since then they have seen It is a measure of the reverses they have suffered and their fear of extradition that last month the "Los extraditables" announced that they recognized the "triumph "Los extraditables", as the of the state", suspended terrorist actions and expressed willingness to abandon their wanted by the United States, drug-trafficking activities. In return, they asked to be tried by Colombian courts, which they have terrorized by scores of contract killings of judges

While Escobar and Ochoa With exquisite timing, they may well be frightened men. ranking racketeers in the Medellin cartel ready to step into their shoes should they fall, not to mention the rival cartel in Cali. A force of 5,000 police was

expressed astonishment at the gena for the Bush visit.



President Paz Zamora of Bolivia, speaking to 3,000 peasant coca producers in the Los Yangas region. They gave him a cane and a bag of coca leaves, the raw material for cocaine, which is hanging around his neck. In his speech on Tuesday, the eve of his trip to the "drug

summit" in Colombia, the President said that alternative development is the key to the eradication of coca leaf and that ning nations must do their part to combat drags (AP reports from La Paz). President García of Peru said he is planning to ask the United States for

economic aid to enable coca-producing farmers to switch from growing coca to coffee or other crops. Presidents García, Paz Zamora and Barco of Colombia were scheduled to meet President Bush in Cartagena, Colombia, yesterday to dis-

Britain likely to keep reduced Falklands zone

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, Madrid

Britain is to make on the security of the Falklands in reaching a deal with Argentina is less than had been anticipated, it emerged yesterday.

The development follows progress in talks between Britain and Argentina here on renewing diplomatic relations broken in 1982 by the war over the islands.

A press conference has been called for this afternoon, when the two delegations are expected to announce that ambassadors are to be exchanged. It is understood that all the

ontions considered by the two sides yesterday envisaged a reduction in the size of the British military protection zone around the islands, rather than its abolition. A system for exchanging

information about movements of naval shipping and military aircraft would apply only in the liberalized area. If the radius of the zone were reduced from 150 to 50 miles. the exchanges would deal with movements in the 100 miles between the old and new

Buenos Aires has made the removal of the zone its key objective over the past four months, while Mr Timothy Sainsbury, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, has implied that Britain would be prepared to drop it, given

adequate security alternatives. The reason for keeping part be that Argentina feels unable to meet in full London's derangements. The zone match- on shipping.

The scale of concessions es the 150-mile fishing zone which Britain declared in 1986 to control the activities of foreign trawlers operating in Falklands waters. The two sides are discussing exchanges of information in fishing stocks, but are not expected to aiter the zone.

Lower level talks last week produced a draft agreement on system for exchanging information about movements of naval ships and military aircraft in the South Atlantic

Argentina appears to be attaching greater importance to the talks than Britain, probably because an agreement would improve its trading prospects with the European Community. President Menem has already decided who the ambassador to London will be.

The two delegations, led by Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's -Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and Señor Lucio García del Solar, his Argentine counterpart, held a full day of talks at the residence of Mr Robin Fearn, the

The atmosphere of the talks

was said to be excellent. The two sides spent more than two hours lunching together at the exclusive Puerta de Hierro Club near the ambassador's residence.

If the meeting covers arrangements for exchanging information about fish stocks of the zone in place appears to in the south Atlantic as expected, it could be of great benefit to the Falklands, mands for alternative ar- whose economy relies mainly

US resort rejects fur sales ban

Aspen, Colorado (Reuter) Residents in the most exclusive US ski resort have voted against a ban on the sale of

furs of wild animals. If the vote had gone the other way, Aspen would have become the first US community to introduce such a restriction. The sale of fur clothing has become a hot issue in America, with some opponents splashing paint on people wearing fur.

Hawke date

Sydney - Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, is being tipped to make an announcement in Parliament tomorrow that the long-awaited federal election will be held on March 24.

Captain freed Genoa (Reuter) - An Italian appeal court acquitted Mr John Scallan, an Irish sea captain, of importing arms illegally into Italy, quashing

his four-year jail sentence, Drugs haul

Tokyo (Reuter) - Japanese authorities seized a record 52:b haul of cocaine, with an estimated street value of £7 million, in Yokohama.

Wood battle

Kuala Lumpur (Reuter) Malaysia and Indonesia will send a joint delegation to Europe in May to combat a campaign against tropical hardwoods being waged by environmental groups.

Cash reprieve

Abu Dhabi (AFP) - A Pakistant worker was saved from execution in the United Arab Emirates when his community raised more than £13,000 to compensate the family of the man he had killed.

Business yen roll in for Kaifu

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

The ruling Liberal Democrats will not be able to blame a lack of cash or faint support from the boardrooms of Japan if they fail to land a fat majority in Sunday's general election, as the party's usual friends have put billions of yen into

The nation's businessmen glimpsed a possible political landscape that frightens them when the conservative Government was thrashed in last summer's election to the upper house by the Socialists.

Offered the bleak choice by the Government's Secretary-General and chief fundraiser, Mr Ichiro Ozawa, between freedom and democracy or socialism", corporate donors opened their wallets and peeled off the 30 billion yen (£120 million) that the Liberal Democrats of Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Prime Minister, needed to finance their cam- the Government drummed up million yen, you lose. If you

frittered away by the tribal factions that tussle for power within the LDP will boost the party's total expenditure during the two-week campaign to at least 100 billion yen. Pol-itical insiders say that when all the bills are totted up, the total could easily be twice that.

This formidable moneymaking machine makes the Tokyo (Reuter) - A Liberal Democratic Party member, Mr Koichi Hamada, was at-

tacked by a gangster with a steel club in his constituency of Chiba, near Tokyo, police said yesterday. Mr Hamada received bospital treatment. pre-election fundraising of the

Conservatives in Britain or even the US Republicans look like a village bazaar.

To provide a bit of leeway,

tional funds raised and leading Japanese banks. That win". The figures quoted are helped out the LDP and gave the banks every reason to hope that the new Government would smile on their plans to expand their business into stockbroking and other lucrative financial services.

Nobody ever doubted the Liberal Democrats' fundraising prowess. What is making jaws drop is that the Government can be so brazen about attempting to buy its way into power less than a year after the Recruit bribes scandal led to national soulsearching over traditional. money-hungry politics.

Last summer's pledges by government leaders - that the bad old days were over and a series of political reforms would lead to cleaner, cheaper politics - look laughable.

The golden rule of the LDP is that "if you spend 400

per candidate. Part of the money goes on financing the campaign office, paying for posters and keeping the campaign show on the road. Much of it goes on keeping constituents sweet with cash hand-outs at weddings and funerals and on presents now and then. gifts that have somehow survived a succession of limp laws that were supposedly devised to make them illegal.

An LDP official said: "The business world sees it has no choice but to back us if it wants a free economy, so we don't have money worries."

If the LDP is whooping for joy, it is not just because its pockets are bulging. The endorsement of a big car factory or electronics giant not only brings huge donations but puts pressure on the companies' staff, and workers in subsidiaries and suppliers, to paign headquarters. Addi- a loan of 15 billion yen from spend 500 million yen, you vote for Liberal Democrats.

UK-Spain deal aims to block Gibraltar air link expansion

From Andrew McEwen, Madrid

to work together to contest legal action by Gibraltar against European Community legislation which prevents it

The decision, disclosed by Spanish and British sources, is to make the colony co-operate with Spain.

Gibraltar's legal challenge stems from an agreement between London and Madrid use of the airport on the Rock. The deal was strongly opposed The deal was strongly opposed by Gibraltar's Legislative said yesterday that Madrid dilution of British sovereignty. It refused to pass legislation to implement it.

Britain and Spain have agreed isters to exclude Gibraltar two governments will underfrom a directive liberalizing take a joint defence. air travel until it accepted the airport deal. The move blocked efforts

from expanding its air links by Gibraltar to become a more spain ceded Gibraltar to with the rest of Europe.

seen in Gibraltar as further European Court of Justice for evidence that Britain is trying leave to bring an action against the Council of Ministers, challenging its exclu-sion. Spain intervened last month, arguing that the case was inadmissible because that Spain should have joint Britain was responsible for Gibraltar's external affairs.

Council, which saw it as a then asked London for support, and received it. Britain has until March 5 to make its own view known, but will Britain and Spain stepped support the Spanish arguup the pressure by persuading ment. If the court decides that the European Council of Min- the case should be heard, the The agreement is unprece-

dented in the 277 years since the Treaty of Utrecht, when important centre for tourism and for finance.

Gibraltar applied to the Gibraltar applied to the fact that Gibraltar is the last colony in Western Europe, while Spain has become a democracy, and a member of Nato and of the European Community.

The Spanish source said that Madrid never doubted that Britain would help, because to have refused would have called into question its good faith in signing the Brussels Agreement of 1984, under which the two countries agreed "to start negotiations. aimed at overcoming all the differences between them on Gibraltar".

New Yorkers revel in Wall Street crash of a 'junk bond'

From Charles Bremner New York

It was already a week of crashing symbols and poetic justice in New York. First they pulled the Perrier from the shelves, then the megarich Trumps split up and went to war over a property empire. Now the gnashing of gold-filled teeth competes with the sound of gloating.

Yesterday the city woke to find that Drexel Burnham Lambert, the investment house that invented "junk bonds" and sparked off the Eighties bonanza, had bitten the financial dust.

"It's the end of a brief but enormously important era in terms of American finance," proclaimed Mr George Gould, a former senior Treasury official, using the phrase on just about every New Yorker's lips. You could hear it yesterday in

the coffee shops, subway stations and taxis, where customers had spent the previous three days debating whether Ivana should get the Plaza and telling each other that shipping mineral water across oceans was probably immoral

The fail of Drexel sent shivers through the markets, but nothing to compare with the schadenfreude of the victims of those who had prowled the corporate world armed with the firm's now nearly worthiess paper. "To put it to you sort of oluntly, the financial whores are being out out of business and that's line," said Mr Fred Hartley, the former chairman of Unocal Corporation, a victim of junk-bond dealing in 1985. "They didn't create wealth, they just played with it," he told The Washington Post.

The mood was similar down in Harry's Bar, the Wall Street watering-hole once packed by boastful young men whose trademark braces matched the red-hot bond market they served.

"They stepped on a lot of people and nobody's really sorry (about) what happened," said one broker. But the gloating was mixed with trepidation because Drexel's 5.000 employees are joining a job market already bursting with out-of-work financial operators. The bankruptcy also noned the anxiety of Mayor David Dinkins and the city budget managers who are struggling to ward off a municipal

With Drexel, for once, the media lust for melodramatic parable appears justified. The firm really did single-handedly rewrite the rules of

decade now being portrayed as a pit of avarice and excess. Thanks to Mr Michael Milken, Drexel's apostle of the high-risk, high-yield IOUs, the mentality of corporate America was transformed, No. company felt safe from the raiders. armed with money raised by Drexel and its imitators. Without the firm, as one commentators pointed out yesterday, the world may never have learnt of the expressions "leveraged buy-out" and "insider trading". Mr Milken's belief that high risk could be ignored shattered the established credit standards, fostering deals and personal aggrandizement that would have been unthinkable in

American mores of the Eightics, a

more sober times. "The ultimate insight of Milken

high finance and come to represent was that there is no limit to greed. no shackles on avarice, no end to cupidity, and that there is a seemingly endless supply of crooks and suckers," Mr Maxwell Newton, a veteran New York financial columnist, wrote yesterday. Mr Milken, now awaiting trial on

98 charges of securities crimes, will be remembered as the man who earned the highest salary in history. he took home more than \$500 million in 1987. He and other colourful beneficiaries of the decade now reviled have already entered American folklore via a stream of films and books, actual and in progress. Hollywood is working on the film of Tom Wolfe's Bonfire of the Vanities, the novel that stereotyped Eighties New York. The moviemakers have also bought the rights to Barbarians at the Gate, by Bryan Burrough and John Helyar, one of five titles in the current best-seller list that chronicle the venality of Wall Street's high-rollers, The publishing and movie busi-

nesses have been equally quick to mine the marital travails of Mr and Mrs Donald Trump, a saga that has excited more popular interest and newspaper sales in this city than the collapse of the Berlin Wall or any of the other recent upheavals overseas. As Mr Trump lamented "This is amazing: Nelson Mandels gets out of jail after 28 years and look who is on the front page of the newspapers."Media opinion polls have found that most New Yorkers consider Mrs Trump - aged 41, a former Olympic skier - the wronged party.

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Thatcher 'world's best friend of apartheid'

The Prime Minister was castigated as "the world's regated townships.

Dame Klaine Kellett-Bowman president, Sir Geoffrey Howe. best friend of apartheid" by Mr Gerald Kaufman, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, when he opened a debate on the Government's South Africa policy.

"It is the very regime that sanctions are helping to bring down that the Prime Minister wants to rescue", he said, in a its criticism of Mrs Thatcher's isolated position on sanctions.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, defended Mrs Thatcher as a firm opponent of apartheid. He said that Mr Kaufman's remarks were misleading and perverse.

Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat spokesman on for-eign affairs, said that his party, did not object to the Foreign Secretary's planning a reason-able programme for the lifting of did object to its being done prematurely and not in concert with our partners.

Mr Kaufman said that Mr Mandela had been released after 27 years in prison, most of which was served in brutal nditions. It was a sentence he should never have served.

"We salute this great man on his regaining freedom he ought never to have lost."

Although President de Klerk's measures were welcome, they had not affected the basic structure of apartheid. The Group Areas Act continued, the Land Act continued, detention without trial continued, there was still a state of emergency, censorship continued of the media, and there was still a

Nelson Mandela was free within South Africa, but South Africa was not free. It continued to be a prison and to stunt the lives of those in the country who, under its racialist laws, were not classified as white.

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The importance of Latin Amer-

during Commons questions.

(Lancaster, C), seated, said that she knew that the Mandelas had a lovely home "because I have

Mandela asked for sanctions to continue Most of the international community agreed with him; the United States, the UN, the Commonwealth, the

"Against this near unanimity in the international community that sanctions are essential, only one significant country stands out - the Government of the United Kingdom and especially the Prime Minister.

"The Prime Minister is not

In December last year, the circumstances in which sanctions could be relaxed had been laid down. They included: the release of all political prisoners and detainees, the removal of alltroops from the townships and the lifting of the state of emergency. None of that had

"By seeking to drop sanctions now the Prime Minister is seeking to breach a declaration which she has signed." The Prime Minister was now

seeking to breach the statement she had signed at the Commonwealth heads of government conference last October

"The Prime Minister has only completely isolated on this issue, she glories in her isolanever wanted any sanctions on

Motion and amendment

release of Mr Mandela from wrongful imprisonment and welcomed the constructive actions taken by President de Klerk to build an atmosphere conducive to negotiations. It noted that the structure of apartheid remained intact and called on European Community ministers "next Tuesday to reject the untimely call of the Unite Kingdom Government for the abandonment of key sanctions".

The Government amendment moved by Mr Hurd also salated Mr Mandela on his release and welcomed the constructive actions of President de Klerk, but said that those deserved "a positive and practical response from the international community".

tion. She has turned being alone into a political way of life — in Nato, in the EC₂ and above all retort to the rest of the inter-national community is: "Don't try to confuse me with the facts'."

The confusion extended to the Prime Minister's view of the legal status of the sanctions. In the Commons yesterday, Mrs Thatcher had been unclear.

She said that sanctions were voluntary, but not whether they could be lifted unilaterally. "My advice is that they cannot." The decision of the EC Council in October 1986 had been

that member states "shall" take Mr Mandela and other black necessary measures to suspend Africans were not free. They new investment in South Africa.

South Africa at any time. She is now falling over herself on what she regards as a golden opportunity to get rid of them and trying desperately to wriggle out of commitments on sanctions

admitted the damaging effect of international sanctions. They had worked and that was why the Prime Minister wanted to

The most sickening aspect of the Prime Minister's opposition to effective sanctions was the argument that she offered against them. She said that they would turn

South African ministers had lift them.

right who are pressing him fairly

cause deprivation and starva-tion. "When did the Prime Minister ever care about un-.employment? When did the Prime Minister ever care about South Africa did have unemployment and poverty -

horrendous by any standards. "But that poverty and that unemployment are caused not by sanctions but by the system in South Africa, the very system that the Prime Minister wants to · prop up.

Apartheid was not racially oppresssive for its own sake. It was racially oppressive to use the cheap, semi-slave labour of millions of blacks to provide a luxurious standard of living the the white minority. He did not accuse the Prime

Minister of condoning the racialism of apartheid. But, shorn of its racialism, the economic objective of the South African government was Thatcherism in its ultimate form. That was the poor financing the high living standards of the rich. Mrs Thatcher wanted to bring that about in Britain. Mr Hurd said that the Gov-

ernment's policy towards South Africa had always been based on its rejection of apartheid. "It is wrong. It does not work, and the sooner it is ended, the better."

If Mr Kaufman had heard the Prime Minister speaking as forcefully in private as in public about apartheid, "he simply would not have made the misleading remarks and perverse remarks he made about the Prime Minister". What the Government was

doing now was desisgned to speed the end of apartheid. President de Klerk had made clear throughout that he hoped that, if he started to move down the path which Britain and others had been urging be would expect and hope for some response. "It is desirable that he should have that response to be able to reply to his critics on the

The Government had maintained a consistent policy of

both pressure and encouragement had taken those steps it ment. It wanted to bring about an environment in which the would be absurd to say that Britain should behave as if nothing had happened. That was what the Opposition was negotiations on ending apartsaying, which was irresponsible.

The whole House should be glad that President de Klerk had Talk of intensification, of gone so far towards meeting the conditions for dialogue set by the Eminent Persons Group comprehensive sanctions, in which Labour still dabbled from time to time, belonged to which had visited South Africa another world. in 1986. "We urge the ANC and

South Africa must be encouraged to take further steps, including the complete lifting of the state of emergency. The Government was not rushing other opposition groups to make an equivalent response." President de Klerk had taken many of the steps that had been urged on him by the Prime Minister. The Government had into lifting sanctions. It was a measured response. There was no question of reviewing the arms embargo until there was a exerted its influence in South Africa in a way no other country

to lay before its EC partners in Dublin next week a reasoned case to consult with them on why there was no logic in continuing with the voluntary ban on new investments.

"We are pursuing the correct policy. We are consulting EC partners and making it clear that we see no sense in continuing "We will not be instructing

Mr Michael Howard, Secretary of State for Employment (right), with Mr Rocco Forte and Miss Carol Nurse, aged 23, a junior chef with the Trusthouse Forte Group's contract catering division, at the launch yesterday of "Opportunities", a schools liaison campaign aimed at recruiting young people into hotels and catering.

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There are estimated to be between half a million and a million British citizens in South Africa, most of whom who have the right to live in the United Kingdom, Mr Tim Sainsbury, Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said in a written reply.

He said that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office had no means of assessing accurately how many British citizens overseas held British passports. About five mil-lion of the eight to eight-and-a-half-million British citizens in the rest of the world had the right to live in the United Kingdom, it

Strike threat to company

Efforts by British Aeromanufacture into civil projects through its involvewere being damaged by the strike" by engineering unions, which was supported by the Labour Party, Mr Michael Jack (Fylde, C) said at

The unions should be condemned for failing to agree to the reasonable deal

being offered by the company. Mr Douglas Hogg, Min-ister for Industry, said that the future of Airbus Industrie was being damaged by the strikes. Labour's support for them was discreditable and calculated to damage British industry.

Dog tag idea to be studied

The Department of the Environment is sending of ficials to discuss with the Northern Ireland Office its experience in enforcing the requirement that dogs must carry identification tags.
Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a written reply that they be-lieved that enforcement of the tag requirement would be more effective than an elaborate registration scheme in solving the problem caused by irresponsible owners.

Peers more

Lighting in the Lords chamber, reduced in strength recently as an economy measure, has been restored to its former power, Lord Belstead, Leader of the House, said. Peers had complained that, although lighting the Commons had improved since the advent of television, viewers were complaining that peers had become marginally less

Social charter 'difficulties'

in the European Community will also have considerable difficulties with the European Social Charter when the Commission's specific proposals come forward, Mrs Thatcher said in a written reply. She reaffirmed that the British Government did not endorse

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; Prime Minister. Education (Student Loans) Bill, remaining stages. Lords (3): Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill cellancous Provisions) Bill and Gaming (Amendment) Bill, second readings. Debate on the ambulance distrate

Labour promises inquiry into Wallace affair results of their inquiries in my case — if they can obtain them, which I cannot.

heid could take place.

important for exports was a victim of the disinformation campaign. He said during question time that he was mable to get from Scotland Yard the details of its inquiries into his own case and urged the Companyout to set for them. ica as a market for British exports was emphasized by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the Coverament to ask for them.

He said that in 1989 UK exports to Latin America were almost £1.2 billion. At the end of 1987, the level of UK direct Edward Short, was deputy leader of the Labour Party in the 1970s, said that evidence of the campaign against the former Wilson Government would almost £3 billion.

Mr Jacques Arnold (Graves ham, C) said that the combined economies of Latin America were far greater than those of Africa, the Middle East and the Indian subcontinent put to-gether. Greater efforts should be made in exporting to Latin America, perhaps by expanding the level of medium-term export-finance cover.

Mr Ridley agreed that Latin America remained an important market. Medium-term cover was available within an overall exposure limit for some of these countries, including Mexico, Chile, Colombia and Venezuela. That would present opportunities for businesses to export to those countries at least.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) asked if Mr Ridley had urged the Brazilian Government to reduce its huge tariffs against British exports, particu-larly on textiles and clothing? Mr Ridley said that he had raised Mr Winterton's point with the President-elect of Brazil. Senhor Fernando Collor de Mello, who had given him an undertaking that Brazil would

play a full part in the Uruguay Round to reduce tariffs because

he agreed with Mr Winterton's

policy on free trade. Senhor Collor also agreed with him (Mr

up an inquiry, the Labour government which will come in most certainly in 1992 will. I would very much rather that this Government set up an inquiry Lord Reay said that there had been a

full assurance from the Director General of the Security Services that he could find no basis for allegations that there had been an effort to destabilize the Wilson Government. Lord Reay, for the Government, said that it saw no need for a wider inquiry than those already announced. Nothing that had recently come to light in departmental papers about the Wallace case cast any doubt on that

Lord Donongine (Lab), who was on the staff of 10 Downing Street during the Wilson Government, said that the Government should explain why it did not establish a wider jadicial inquiry to establish the trath, once and for all, "In my case, documentary evidence and finally kill off the remours that former ministers had been victims of a is there for anyone to see, who wishes to see it. If this Government will not set

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ear campaign. "Will he, particularly, give an assurance that former officers and servants of the Crown will not be deterred by departmental pressure or threats of prosecution under the Official Secrets Act from

Lord Reay said that errors recently discovered in ministerial statements were primarily concerned with the use of discinformation against the Provisional IRA. No evidence had been visional IKA. No evidence man been found at Northern Ireland HQ of disinformation to denigrate ministers or MPs. If anyone had evidence, they should submit it to the proper authorities. ties (Conservative cheers).

Lady Seear, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrat peers: Is it already

too late to kill off "disinformation"? What is wrong with the good old English word "lies"? Lord Reay: There are proper uses of Lord Graham of Edmonton, for the

Lord Graham of Edmonton, for the Opposition, said that the Prime Minister had referred to statements by her and other ministers misleading Parliament. Why had she refused to say how she and others had misled Parliament? The Commons Select Committee on Defence was to widen the inquiry and was doing the job the Government should be doing. Lord Reay said that the manner in

which incorrect advice came to be given to ministers was already the subject of an internal inquiry, the outcome of which would be reported to the House. Lord Glenamara: Has the Govern-

ment considered the evidence in my case, and asked Scotland Yard for the

ment responses suggested to people that it had something to hide. Lord Reay said that there was a

Lord Reay: If he has evidence which

When Lord Glenamara repeated his

question, Lord Reay said that the Government saw no need for for a further, wider inquiry.

Lord Cledwyn of Pearhos, leader of

the Labour peers, said that Govern-

has not been properly considered, should submit it to the authorities.

by Lord Cledwyn and not only among Conservatives. Mr Joe Haines, another distinguished member of Mr Wilson's staff, took a different view and had written in the Daily Mirror that the hysteria about dirty tricks was

Letters monopoly stays

to privatize it, Mr Eric Forth, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, made clear at question time.

the former Wilson Govern

not go away.

No company that had had talks with ministers had yet produced a proposition that was acceptable. He said: "We are very concerned to maintain not just the rural network but all parts of the Post Office network".

Mrs Maria Fyfe (Glasgow, Maryhill, Lab) asked for an assurance, despite the blandishments of the directors of TNT and others interested in acquir-ing the profitable sectors of the Post Office, that the needs of the public and especially those liv-ing in rural areas had not been Mr Forth said that he and Mr

mediate plans to break up the interested in the sort of services provided by the Post Office to privatize it, Mr Eric Forth, Under Secretary of State for sitions that interested him or myself in the way they have been put. We are very concerned to maintain not just the rural network but all parts of the Post Office network."

Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C) said that he had introduced a Bill 13 years ago to end the statutory monopoly of the Post Office (Conservative cheers) for the collection and delivery of letters. "Will he now reintroduce that Bill?"

Mr Forth replied that the Government regarded the monopoly as a privilege and not a right. The Post Office well stood this.

Mr Douglas Henderson, an Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, asked why depart-ment officials had been admitthat it had received propositions and that talks had taken place Mr Forth said that there was no secret in the fact that the Secretary of State had met private companies who had activities in this area.

"None of the sort of sugges-tions that these companies have come up with have found favour with him. We will continue to consider this matter as, I believe, it is our duty to do." Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, Lib Dem) sought an assurance that Mr Forth stood by the principle that the letter rate should the same wherever the letter was delivered.

Mr Forth said that it was that

principle and the one of universal delivery that provided the greatest difficulty for those who would seek to provide an alterantive service.

New steel plate mill 'needed for Scottish industry' There was a need to locate a new steel plate mill in Scotland for the future of steel-making there, Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk

West, Lab) said at questions. He asked Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, if he accepted any responsibility for the future of the industry, which was of such importance to the Scottish economy, now in a dire state. Or had privatization been simply a means of abrogating all gov-ernmental responsibility?

Mr Ridley said that investment in the steel industry was a matter for the industry itself to decide. The point of investment in this industry, or in any other, was to achieve the most efficient production. "It is not for any

baurgh, C) said that privatiza-tion of the steel industry, in his constituency and elsewhere on Teesside, had helped towards the area's economic regenera-

Mr Ridley welcomed the remarkable industrial trans-formation on Teesside. This, like the large increase in industrial production in the past few years, was connected with the policy of letting industry make its own investment decisions. Ms Joyce Quin, an Oppo-

Silion spokesman on trade and industry, said that the average production level of British steel was still half that in West Germany, and Britain's share of the continental market was Therefore, was there not a

Mr Richard Holt (Lang- great possibility for expansion

health of all plants in the United Would Mr Ridley use his influence "or perhaps even his

golden share" to secure that Mr Ridley said he was not sure that the golden share would be of use in that He would do all he could to

ensure that British Steel had opportunities in the EC and throughout the world to increase its sales and its share of the The United States had agreed

to measures that would give British Steel big opportunities

BAe dispute will go to Brussels

remaining controversies over the £150 million sale of Rover to British Aerospace with Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's senior EC commissioner, in Brussels next week (Sheila Gunn writes).

Sir Leon is considering demands for BAe to be made to repay concessions which were additional to the £547 million package formally approved by the EC. The extra help to BAe included £38 million in "hidden subsidies" agreed by Lord Young of Grafiham, the former Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to close the sale of the Mr Kenneth Warren, the

evidence of an economy reeling

Mr Gordon Brown, chief

under the impact of high interest

Opposition trade and industry

spokesman, said that a survey

conducted by the party showed

rising redundancies, shrunken

investment plans and more

"New statistics from com-

rates (Nicholas Wood writes).

the Brussels meeting will be informal and in private.

The trade and industry com-mittee and the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) are investi-gating in parallel the tax concessions granted to BAc. The PAC is due to publish soon the welter of written evidence it has received from the Department of Trade and Industry and the inland Revenue in answer to its queries over the sale.

The trade and industry con mittee has asked the Inland Revenue to give oral evidence. Mr Warren said the committee would ask why the Inland Revenue decided it was right to

Bankruptcies up 22% that there has been a 22 per cent increase in (those) filed over the 22 per cent increase in business bankruptcies last year as further

course of the last year." Comparison of the figures for the last quarter of last year with the corresponding quarter in 1988 showed a 46 per cent rise in voluntary liquidations.

Small businesses were being hit hardest of all by interest rates, consumer demand cuts, late bill payments and reduc-

Sale plan for credit group Legislation will be introduced at

the earliest opportunity to change the insurance group of the Export Credit Guarantee Department into a company on April 1, next year, Mr Nicaolas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said at

Mr David Evans (Welwyn Hatfield, C) supported the privatization but asked for issurances that credit on capital goods would be maintained. Without it, companies such as British Aerospace, which had exports worth £150 million a week, would find it impossible to maintain a 10-year view.

Mr Ridley said that the project group would continue and not be privatized. It would continue to aid British exports of the sort Mr Evans mentioned. Mr Rhodri Morgan (Cardiff West, Lab) quoted Mr Malcolm Stephenson, chief executive of the guarantee department, as saying that the privatization paved the way for a foreign stake to be taken in the department.

trolled by a foreign bank or finance house?" Mr Ridley said the EC banned discrimination against member

"Would it not be ludicrous

and wrong for support services

for British exports to be con-

Tory spending view 'simplistic' TREASURY

The following report of the later stages of Tuesday's Commons debate on government spending plans appeared, in part, in las editions yesterday. Mrs Margaret Beckett, shad-

Mrs Margaret Beckert, Sind-ow Chief Secretary to the Trea-sury, said that the Opposition rejected the simplistic view that there was always merit in reduc-ing public spending as a percent-age of national income. Public spending should be judged on a balanced assessment of need and what randently could be as what prodestly could be af-forded, bearing in mind "that you have to spend a back to make a buck".

In government, Labour's im-mediate commitment would be to those who had suffered most under the present Government: pensioners, families with child-ren and the disabled. That would be followed by prudent in-"Our message to the elec-

torate is straightforward: a clear, cold look at the stewardship of the prese points to the need for a new set of stewards." Mr Robert Sheldon (Ashtonunder-Lyne, Lah) said that the Government had presided over a story of decay. The civil estate, the defence estate

the defence estate, health ser-vice, art gaileries and museums had been allowed to fall into Mr Patrick Ground (Feltham and Heston, C) said that there was a strong case this year for manufacturing, but into propagain making a big repayment of crty. House prices had in-



Mrs Beckett: Public spending needs balanced view.

debt to bring down fature interest payments. Future genera-tions should not be saddled with an increasing debt burden.

Mr Denzil Davies (Llanelli, Lab) said that the Government's dislike of public expenditure was at the root of Britain's inflation

The £87 billion yield from

and economic decline.

creased, and people had borrow-ed on the basis of higher values and spent their money on goods Mr Allan Stewart (Eastwood. C) said that Mr John Smith, the shadow Chancellor, like the

Dutch boy, put his finger in the dike as Labour promises on public expenditure came flood-ing out and told colleagues "don't put a figure on anything" sources allow". Mr Roger Knapman (Stroud, C) said that the Government est do eyen more to reduce red tane for firms. For small businesses, any time taken away from the business itself, for

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North East, Lab), chair-man of the Select Comittee on Employment, said that Employment Training had the germ of a good idea, but it was grossly underfunded. Because of that it was often imadequate and unstitution and control of the control reached only two-thirds of the target the Government had aimed for. These cheapskate

ustance in tax gathering for the

Government, was wasted time.

es failed the unem and betrayed the needs of the Mr Christopher Gill (Ludlow, C) said that the Government must continue the drive for fewer, lower and less com-plicated taxes, particularly for

sition Treasury spokesman, said that the tax burden — direct and indirect — had risen from 34.25 per cent in 1978-79 to 37.5 per cent in 1989-90. Looking at direct taxation alone, a family with two child-ren, earning half the average rent cartaing man the average national income rate, would now pay more tax and national insurance than in 1978-79. It must be evident that the Tory Party's tax cuts had been highly allowing decimals in mallowing

Mr Nickolas Brown, an Oppo-

selective, designed to redistrib-ute wealth to the wealthy.

Mr Peter Lilley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that Britain now had a growing economy, falling unemployment and declining losses on the remaining nationalized industries. Repayments last year reited in a reduction of the interest burden of £3 billion a year for ever.

There was a positive case for control of public spending. It made for a more dynamic econ-omy, and it was everyone's right to spend their own money as they wished. That is a right which the Opposition would deprive them of."

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Making dramas out of a crisis

hings have got so desperate at the Royal Shakespeare Company that they have called in the undertaker. The generate the three t eral view in the theatre world is that they could not have made a wiser move. Plagued by deficits and poor reviews, and forced last week to announce a four-month closure of its London showplace at the Barbican, the company is in deep, though not yet terminal, disarray. At this difficult time it has had to select a successor to Terry Hands, who has been its

artistic director, singly or jointly, since 1978.
Adrian Noble, the man appointed to take charge of the company's artistic destiny, is the son of a Chichester undertaker. In his earliest success, the Manchester Royal Exchange Theatre's Duchess of Malfi, with Helen Mirren and Bob Hoskins, the multiple assassinations in the final scenes notoriously gained an extra macabre authenticity from the director's family expertise in matters sepulchral.

But Noble comes not to bury the RSC, but to raise it. It is an unenviable moment to take over control of the most complex theatrical empire in Britain, with its five stages in two centres 100 miles apart, its 700 staff and its £2.9 million deficit. The reputation as a classical director he has built up in a career of scarcely 10 years would today open doors for him anywhere.

A lesser man might have echoed Hoskins's uneasy villain in Malfi, and decided that it was time for a change of scene: "Like the mice that forsake fallen houses, I would shift to other dependence." But there is almost nowhere else where a director such as Noble could hope for as free a range. Even in evil times, the RSC is one of the world's great companies. Its director, taking on a job where his predecessors include Peter Hall and Trevor Nunn, knows that he is stepping into the shoes of the

yesterday's appointments, the RSC has set out along a road already taken by the National Theatre, and has split the top job. But it has been divided into three iobs rather than two, and it is clear that overall control will be Noble's, Michael Attenborough from the Hampstead Theatre and the Palace, Watford, will have a strong influence on the company's work in the field of modern drama. This has been its weak side in recent years, and Noble's main experience has been on the classical side. Genista McIntosh, the RSC's senior administrator, will

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south coast patio before

ADRIAN NOBLE

change. He has no time for the fogeyish misapprehension that

there is just one right way of doing

a play."
Yet this quality of courage goes

tentative and anguished. Kenneth

Branagh, in his recent auto-biography, has a good deal of fun

describing Noble's manner when

they were discussing the outlines of the original stage version of his

Henry V. (Noble has been given less credit than he deserves for his

part in framing the concept of the

ideas almost apologetically, with many "ums" and "ers". He re-

sponded mildly if an actor "threw

a wobbly", as actors are prone to.

In discussion, he constantly

screwed his fists into his eyes,

until Branagh feared for his con-

tact lenses, and swallowed in-numerable indigestion tablets. "If

digestive disorders are any guide

to artistic ability, then Adrian was

a genius," Branagh said.
Others who have worked with

Noble describe the knots into

which he manages absently to tie his limbs, while wrestling with

significances — "like Jonathan Miller with fleas".

long standing. After escaping from Chichester, floral tributes and formaldehyde, he studied drama

The impression of anxiety is

take over casting, planning, education and training

In the last analysis, the RSC's fortunes will stand or fall on Noble's performance. The company's other problems are peripheral to the problems of sustaining a style and attracting an audience. There is the problem of balance. One of the company's strengths has always been the interplay between classical and modern work, which ideally protects the former from an arid academicism, and gives the latter the solidity of a firm grounding in tradition. Noble's supporters insist that he is no longer a stranger to new writing and living authors (more vocal in resisting directorial liberties than

And there is the problem of the Barbican theatre itself, a subterranean drama factory entombed in the faintly unreal ambience of the Barbican Centre. It is unpopular with actors, though less so with audiences. Noble is known to dislike the backstage environment, but its big stage is a challenge he relishes.

"He is a director who thrives in big theatres," fellow-director Nicholas Hytner says. "He is generous with an audience, wanting to give them their money's worth in terms of spectacle, though his productions have a great deal of emotional and intellectual weight as well."

oble's recent produc-tion of Ibsen's The Master Builder is often mentioned in this context, as an exemplary instance of how a play of great intimacy can thrive in the wide ODER SDACES.

"He has a tremendous sense of stage composition," says Benedict Nightingale, drama critic of The Times. "Not many English directors have the skill he has in making effects with light, and darkness — something that is getting more and more important these days, when no one can afford sets any more."

"I haven't liked all his productions," Hytner says. "I didn't care for his As You ike It, for instance. But what's good is that he's not fearful, not prissy. And he's not afraid of the idea that the classical

century Holland, patrons

bought mainly contemporary

art, and questions of attribu-

soluble production problem, Mar-lowe's Dr Faustus. "He has a life with the ladies, reads a lot . . . I've never known him to be particularly political, but I'm sure he would direct a play as it might demand, right round the spec-trum. Anyone who thinks he is an old Shakespearean and nothing more is in for a surprise." plays change their meaning through history as their audiences

Just as the directionless student of the early 1970s must have had unseen reserves of determination below the surface, the tentative air the experienced director adopts at work today can be assumed to be more purposeful than it looks. Colin Chambers, literary manager at the RSC, says: "He is not at all in the great European tradition of domineering directors, treating the actors like puppets. He is a man who gives actors a lot of space in the rehearsal room - but he is good at judging the moments when he needs to lead."

iving actors a free rein play.)
The director put forward his can be a high-risk strategy. There have been occasions - a notorious one was the 1982 King Lear, in which he allowed Antony Sher as the Fool to upstage his betters - when Noble has apparently let an actor run away with a production. But reading between the lines of Kenneth Branagh's account of the long and roundabout inception of Henry V, it is not difficult to discern that Noble, the "politic dormouse", was more firmly in

control of the process of forming the production's distinctive vision than the actors fully realized. Dormouse tactics

at Bristol University, and then passed the auditions for a place at the Drama Centre in Kentish Town, a den of Stanislavskian Method acting in a familiarly funereal converted chapel. "He was very young, very pale, and very insecure about himself and everything in life," says the Swedish director Yat Malmgren, who taught him then. "He seemed

directionless, not at all dynamic -

though he liked to be a bit daring

in his improvisations... I did

not think him likely to go es-

pecially far." Today, at the height of his profession, he has gained in assurance. "He is amusing, witty, great raconteur," says James Maxwell, artistic director of the Royal Exchange, who played Mephistopheles in his early production of that almost in-

may serve Noble equally well now in guiding his cast gently towards a viable conception of the big new production he has taken on. But with a budget of £9m, and a host of self-appointed prompters, critics, claques, angels, and politicians waiting in the wings to see whether he succeeds or fails, it is going to be the biggest and most crucial production of his life.

George Hill



950: Born in Chichester 1972-74: Director's course at Drama Centre, Kentish Town; then community theatre and young people's theatre in Birmingham
1976: Associate director, Bristol Old Vic
1979: Joined Royal Shakes, eare Company as
assistant director

1980: First RSC production (Ostrovsky's The Theatre, Manchester (The Duchess of Malfi)

1981: London Theatre Critics' Award, Drama Review Award; Doctor Faustus (Royal Exchange), A Doll's House

1982: RSC King Lear and Antony and Cleopatra: appointed associate director 1983: Measure for Measure, Don Giovanni (Kent 1984: Henry V. The Desert Air (Nicholas Wright)

1989: Macbeth, The Plantagenets, The Master

A harvest from the garden

fetching £6.8 million at Sotheby's, to the nude beauty by Giambologna which slipp-ed past Christie's experts and trade can be like musical them, the lichairs: "When we buy a dud, is now for sale in London at £5 we just put it back into the rooms," one dealer says. million, garden statuary has The problem is that never become the richest vein for before has the art market been

discoveries in the gold mine of so extensive, so complex and today's art market. so cynical. Never has the A good buffeting by the species connoisseur been elements, as well as a few under so much threat. layers of lichen and moss, can During earlier collecting obsure greatness; as a result eras, such as that of 17thevery auction yields its share

of "sleepers". But the same factors can play into the hands of fakers. Garden statuary is also a minefield of imitations made of composite stone, cunningly "distressed" to look old by blows from the hammer, or by hastening nature's course through lavish coatings of yoghurt or a substance called Stoneage, marketed by the company Haddon Stone. "Nine out of 10 sculptures people bring in are not, as they think, 18th-century," says

such as Lord Burlington who arrived home from one trip with 848 pieces of luggage containing his art souvenirs was to seek intellectual stimulus rather than profit. In neither of these periods did the urge to collect grip all classes as it does today, with a principal strand being made up of the newly affluent, intent James Rylands, of Sotheby's.

them, the li-chen must re-main - artfile whether it

covers a multitude of merits or sins. The Giambologna had its fair share "weathering". After

having its Sarah Jane Checkland neck broken, its head had

tion did not occur. In the 18th century, fakes existed, but the nate angle. priority of Grand Tourists Just as fakes, or "imitations" as the auctioneers like to call them, abound, so do stolen statues. Theft is a boom industry, and only a curators be termed connoisminiscule proportion of stolen objects is recovered.

been stuck on at an unfortu-

main

At the other side of the market is the small band of experts sufficiently alert to spot a masterpiece, and brave enough to take a gamble. Who are these connoisseurs? Not theme parks. Meanwhile, the ethics in the on impressing the boss. For

scorned the A weekly In any case, look at they are more concerned to-

the day with art world undergoing a revolution in their depart-

ments, casting out old-fashioned connoisseurship and stylistic attribution in favour of a socio-historical approach: it is not whether Giambologna was

the maker, but why he made it. Neither can most museum seurs. With their purchase budgets frozen, they have lost the incentive to search and buy, being too busy respond-ing to pressure from the Arts Minister, Richard Luce, to

One exception is Timothy ics, who have Clifford, director of the National Galleries of Scotland. Last autumn, he raised applied arts. £561,000 by selling the collection of Old Master drawings he had been painstakingly amassing since his teens. He was the only museum curator to spot the Giambologua in Christie's catalogue, and he went to Wrotham Park, in Hertfordshire, to place a modest bid on behalf of his museum. The piece was even-

> £715,000. But Clifford got the compensation prize of a wrongly-attributed white marble plinth, which he identified and bought for his museum for £8,000. He has since found documentary proof that it is an important work by the 18th century English sculptor Joseph Wilton.

tually bought by his fellow connoisseur and friend, the

dealer Pat Wengraf, for

A connoisseur, according to

Clifford, is "someone who has the ability to understand and appreciate high quality. It can only be gained by the constant handling of original works of art, of both fine and poor quality. Money should be the catalyst."

One group to fit this description is the auctioneers - although their assessment will be fuelled by financial considerations, and over-sights are bound to increase because of the increasing pressure under which they work. Connoisseurs, too, are the

select band of top quality dealers, led by Wengraf, who are able to discriminate conare able to discriminate concrete imitation from marble masterpiece at a glance. When she opened the Christie's catalogue and saw the photograph she said instantly: "It's a Giambologna."

Wengraf is a lesson in initiative to all of us, having

initiative to all of us, having moved from a career in plastic toys to self-taught art dealing. As amateur interest becomes a mania, it is time more mature women on applied art courses started to take risks. Connois seurship needs them.

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Tomorrow on the Friday Page Marriages are being made in the lawyer's office, but are prenuptial contracts really the trump card in modern marriage?

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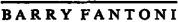
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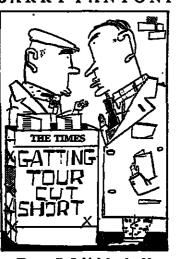
fter scores of applicants were almost killed in the rush to put their names forward - including some which currently appear in the opposition - I can announce that one of the most sought-after posts in British journalism has been filled. No, not the stewardship of these inches, but the bridge correspondent of The Times, vacant since the unhappy death last year of Jeremy Flint. Albert Dormer is your man, former editor of World Bridge News, reporter of the last 23 world championships for Reuters, and author, with Terence Reese, of a fistful of authoritative books. Dormer is less surprised than this newsaper's management at the near-fanatical ring for the job in the rarified world of have a highly literate

ad New York Times osts in the world for c tells me. He plans to _ of the Saturday column Desar use top echelons of the game, chidful that there are an estimated two dilion players in Britain. He starts right vay, and will be on hand next week to over Corporate America's bridge challenge to the British Parliament, with Kenneth Baker and Michael Mates expected to be among those bidding for the home team.

• Yesterday being the anniverary of the death sentence on Salman Rushdie, one of my men asked a Sandi Arabian visitor to London the black market price of the offending verses in the holy city of Mecca. Oh, you get it free. Princes have brought it into the country in large numbers to give to friends and acquaintances. To familiarize themselves with the plots of Western imperialism against Islam, you understand." Of course. And they are apparently happy to hand over copies to anyone, provided it is not the religious police.

n Saturday, Michel Roux, chef-patron of the Waterside Inn at Bray, receives the award of Chevalier de l'Ordre National de Mérite at the hands of former French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. Roux had the choice of which senior member of the order should invest him, and plumped for Giscard as it was from him that in 1976 he received his first professional honour. Both the Roux brothers' sons spent their national service cooking in the Elysee kitchens (how much more civilized than whitewashing coal), but while Michel's son Alain worked exclusively for Mitterrand, his nephew Michel, now slaving over hot stoves at Le Gavroche, cooked for Giscard for just a week. Then Giscard, whose taste for the good life is notorious, lost the election and had to get his meals elsewhere. He should be assured of a decent lunch on Saturday anyway.





Personally I think he should stay there for 27 years'

ur man in Copenhagen, Nigel Williams, is having to call on all his diplomatic skills to avoid offending the 46,000 Faroe Islanders, who want to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1941 of their tiny archipelago 200 miles north-west of Shetland. The Faroese have asked Williams to support a British week next year, but in these hard-headed days of market forces, he felt the cost would not merit the return. To send just two men to the islands would cost the best part of £1,000, and a full-scale exhibition with music, architecture and business displays, many times that amount. Sponsorship of £20,000 has been offered by Faroese businesses, which are also prepared to lay on a ferry for the 14-hour journey from Scrabster in Scotland. The ambassador and his staff are still wrestling with the problem of providing a suitable British presence without breaking the bank.

fter the Berlin Wall, the 1,000-mile A wire fence dividing East and West Germany is up for sale. The Wall is on offer at £100,000 for a 4ft by 12ft slab, complete with graffiti, but the fence is going so cheap that one football club has bid for 300 yards of it to go round its pitch. For just over five of their near-worthless marks, East Germans can pick up 10 square feet of iron curtain. Given the possible souvenir value in years to come, Easterners may be well advised to lay down some of the vintage chainlink as though it were a rare wine.

outh Africa's extreme rightwingers - Andries Treur-nicht's Couservative Party

and Eugene Terre Blanche's neo-Nazi AWB - are happy about the continuation of sanctions by most Western countries after the release of Nelson Mandela and legalization of the ANC. If enough of De Klerk's followers desert him, disappointed that his concessions to the blacks have brought not one benefit to the whites, then apartheid may yet be saved.

It is true that De Klerk's concessions, while huge by South African standards, meet only some of the ANC's demands. Very well, would not a partial relaxation of sanctions be an appropriate response to partial concessions? "No," says the ANC, "the pressure must be kept up" - a cry echoed by the British Opposition.

Mrs Thatcher may have been unparliamentary when she said this week that Labour was "taking instructions from the ANC", but she was right. Messrs Kinnock and Kaufman had no reasoned answer to to the wellreasoned case presented by William Waldegrave, Foreign Office Minister of State. All they could say was: "The ANC says so, so it must be done." Mr Kinnock invoked Mandela's name in Conor Cruise O'Brien draws a cautionary parallel with Ulster

Why sanctions must ease

nal argument on the subject of South Africa has become irreverent, as well as irrelevant. The problem with "keeping up

the pressure" is that it is falling on the wrong people. The whites who are hurt by it, politically, are those who want to move away from apartheid; those who want to keep apartheid are delighted with the line Labour is following. Supporters of "Keep up the pressure" reply – it is their only argument – that the ANC knows best. The ANC is indeed the leading authority on the hopes and demands of South African blacks but, collectively, has no particular expertise about white politics; and for the few individual members who may possess such expertise, it would be political suicide to express concern about the future of any

white politician, "Keep up the

pressure" - whether it makes

sense or not - is a mandatory

Yet it remains true that the

position for the ANC just now.

ional Party MPs who accept De Klerk's lead is essential if the transition to pon-racial elections is to be carried out relatively peacefully and at an early date. It is not a question of "rewarding" De Klerk but of preventing the loss of so many of his followers to the Conservatives that he could no longer deliver his policy of getting away from apartheid. Although Mandela's position is also fraught with difficulties, it is De Klerk — Mandela's indispensable partner if meetheid is to be preded if apartheid is to be ended peacefully - whose position is endangered. Mandela is adored by the great majority of the blacks. De Klerk is, at best, tolerated by a majority - if it is still a majority - of the whites, and he is hated by a substantial, and perhaps a growing minority of them.

Mandela's statements since his release will certainly have disappointed many of De Klerk's followers. Mandela

political survival of those National Party MPs who accept De could not, without gravely compromising his political authority. have attempted, at this stage, to call off the armed struggle. He had to confirm that it goes on. But many of the simpler folk who reluctantly went along with De Klerk did so with a vague hope that Mandela's release would be followed by the end of violence and of sanctions. Those hopes are now dashed (with Mrs Thatcher and her government the one bright spot on the international horizon). De Klerk, to do him justice, is making the most of what reassurance Mandela has been able to offer (which is more reassurance than some of Mandela's political colleagues care for).

As I watch so many wellintentioned people rush to keep up the pressure on De Klerk, I am reminded of an ominous precedent from Northern Ireland. In 1974, Brian Faulkner, then leader of the Unionists, went further towards conciliating the Roman Catholics than

any of his predecessors had done. He agreed to a powersharing executive, proportionately representative of the two communities. The response was to "keep up the pressure", obliging Faulkner to take a long step towards the unification of Ireland through the acceptance of a Council of Ireland, complete with "three tiers" and "executive powers" and anything else anybody could think of that would add to the Unionists' distress. Then the hardliners in his own community destroyed him and his power-sharing executive together. Not a single Faulkner Unionist was returned in the

ensuing general election. I hope that Labour people, before applying any more pres-sure on De Klerk, will ponder the fate of Brian Faulkner and his policy. If De Klerk fails, the consequences for South Africa are likely to be far worse than they were in the Northern Ireland case – possibly military rule and armed repression eclipsing

Mandela is aware of the dangers and anxious to save De Klerk. But Mandela in the days

the memory of Tiananmen

Square.

immediately following his release has little room for manoeu-vre. Neil Kinnock spoke as if Mandela personally was calling for the continuation of sanctions. But Mandela made it plain that this was the policy of the ANC. What he said was: "It is too early for anybody to expect us to call for the lifting of sanctions." That does not debar anyone else from calling for it.

Mandela genuinely wants reconciliation - not only between blacks and whites, but between blacks and blacks; between the ANC and Buthelezi. for example. But there are those in the ANC who don't want any of that, and who secretly oppose Mandela. Once Mandela has overcome that opposition and is free to shape ANC policy in his own magnanimous image, things will get easier for De Klerk. But the danger is that, before that can happen, De Klerk will have fallen, the soldiers will be in charge, and Mandela will be back in jail.

That is the direction in which the "keep up the pressure" school of thought is pushing South Africa.

Bernard Levin finds the anti-sugar brigade's tactics anything but sweet

Smeared by the sourpuss

believe me; now you're sorry. I said that when the wowsers have made smoking illegal, and then done the same to any liquor stronger than shandy-gaff, they will turn their attention to the food we eat. The pattern is identical; it starts with solemn shakings of the head and wagging of the finger; it goes on with harassment, increasingly unpleasant; finally it demands legislation.

What are they after now?

Sugar, that's what. But see the

way they go about it, in which can be seen the chief characteristic of the Single Issue Fanatic, or Nanny's Nanny. Demand investigation of whatever it is you want to suppress, and when it has been investigated, and the investigation shows that the fears are either groundless or much exaggerated, insist on a fresh investigation, this time with terms of reference that allow only a verdict of guilty.

wowsers could traduce sugar with impunity; it was widely believed to give you heart disease, diabetes, gallstones and, cancer (to name but a few), while sceptics went on eating and drinking things stuffed with it. Finally, it was time to find out. The finding was entrusted to

the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy (with the to the wowsers' demands. And if

enchanting acronym Coma), which sat for two years, and reported recently. Its findings, cautious, and scrupulously couched, declared that the most serious charges against sugar were unproven; there was no direct link between sugar consumption and heart disease or diabetes, and little evidence of such a link with cancer. On the other hand, the report recommended reduced sugar intake for all, and urged manufacturers of foodstuffs to label their products with the sugar-content; they also pointed out that excess sugar can lead to obesity, and that obesity is widely agreed to play a part in a number of ailments. And the chairman of the Coma investigation, Professor Harry Keen, said that although it would be "almost mischievous" to argue that sugar was a direct cause of heart disease, "If people are trying to reduce weight gain, especially because obesity affects blood fats and they want to protect their

sugar would be a good idea."

A most sober, fair and wellfounded verdict, you would say?
But you reckon without the wowsers and their implacable determination to reject any findings, however thoroughly researched and however meticulously framed, that do not correspond entirely and exactly

all else fails, try questioning somebody's integrity. At which point, as so often in these matters, Mr Geoffrey Cannon enters the argument. As Life President, Great Panjundrum and Sugarfinder-General of the Incorporated Society of Food-

Wowsers, he has devised a new kind of slur for those who do not agree with him; the method he uses I call "the pre-retracted libel", and he is very fond of it. To show how it works I cannot do better than quote him verbatim. Before seeing the Coma report, he seems to have sniffed the wind and concluded that it would not be what he wanted. This is what he said about Coma and its members:

Professor Harry Keen, chair-man of the committee, and Professor John Durning, the deputy, have both, before their appointment to the commit-tee, spoken on sugar industry platforms in defence of sugar, and it is matter of record that search funded by the sugar industry for over 10 years.

This is not a comment on the integrity of the two profes-sors, both of whom believe sugar is relatively harmless. You see what I mean? If you don't, I can do better - or rather, he can. Still before he had read the report, he managed to get five of his pre-retracted libels into a

single article. ... the Medical Research



ity to research into food and public health. The chairman of at ... meetings organised by the Sugar Bureau ... They are entitled to their views ... the MRC is Earl Jellicoe, a director and ex-chairman of Is this story not a very definition of the Single Issue Tate & Lyle. This is not a reflection on Earl Jelli-coe... Scientists who believe Fanatic and the belief that they, that sugar is harmless ... are liable to accept sugar industry and they alone, have the truth, so that anyone who disputes their belief must be in the nav of the Professor Harry Keen...Sir Donald Acheson, chief medienemy? But that is only the fruit; it is the tree that is most cal officer at the Department of Health, appointed Professor dangerous. And we must look at Keen chairman of the Coma Committee ... Similarly, this the roots of the tree.

The wowsers always start with the conviction (sometimes correct) that certain perfectly legal activities are harmful. They then see a great light in the sky, in which is framed an angel with a tain foods. This is not, of course,

they must go and stop it; and long before they have rubbished an honourable professor or two (or in this case three, not counting Sir Donald Acheson and Earl Jellicoe) they have forgotten their original impulse, which was, after all, to stop us harming ourselves.

hat, though, is why I called the food-wowsers not just Nannies, but Nannies' Nannies. Smoking and drinking are peripheral to life, whatever pleasure their users find in them (and the second, after all, in moderation, is not only harmless but positively beneficial); but food is essential to our survival. If the wowsers, therefore, can harass and traduce us into conforming to their demands at table, they will have managed to control a central element of our lives. I believe there is a clue here to the abuse I receive whenever I describe a fine meal I have had; I have plainly slipped the leash by eating Bise's poulet à l'estragon or Pic's foie de canard au marc, to say nothing of the four-pound lobster I consumed all by myself a few months ago at the Arubutus Lodge near Cork, followed by an immense slice of chocolate gateau. It is not just that they are puritans and busybodies, but that they cannot rest until they have chained me down and put me on a diet of carrot-juice and

vegetarian cheese.
Come; if you were worried about your children eating too many things with sugar in them, because you feared it would harm their teeth, which would you do - stop the Mars bars or e that they broshed their teeth thoroughly? You would vote for the toothbrush? Well. the food-wowsers would vote the other way, and that is how you know them.

Incidentally, Mr Cannon gets a lot of money from newspapers and publishers for writing articles and books denouncing cerfiery sword, who tells them that a reflection on Mr Cannon.

Professor John Durnin, and Professor Don Naismith, had Moral sabotage parents cannot withstand

A n old theme in a new guise has recently emerged to prominence in the Government's utterances: family responsibility. It has, of course, always been fundamental in Tory thinking that the family and not the state should be the basis of a free and stable society. The general retreat of statism has given Tory philosophy a powerful boost. But even in a free society the family can be threatened - and not only by the pervasive state interventionism which atrophies family responsibility like an unused limb.

In part, the Government is trying to deal with the problem by making deserting fathers pay towards their children's support and obliging parents to pay the fines for their children's criminal actions. More broadly, the Prime Minister has blamed the breakdown of family life on the "proponents of the permissive society" who, in the 1960s, "gave away the fundamental right of a child to be brought up in a real family". Last week the Tory party chairman, Kenneth Baker, spoke of the erosion of the preeminence of the family and the alarming growth in one-parent families, divorce and illegiti-

macy. The need, he said, was to "break the culture which views it as acceptable for a man to walk away from the consequences of his own actions..." But the matter should not be left there.

The Government is right to try to make parents more respon-sible for their children's actions. Yet "walking away" is only part of a much wider culture of parental helplessness in face of a still wider culture of irresponsibility which pervades television, parts of the written media, entertainment and even a great deal that is misnamed education. Until about 25 years ago, the

standards of responsibility that most parents took for granted in the home were reinforced by those of the school, broadcasting, the media and, for the most part, entertainment. That is no longer so. Children are subjected to an ugly cultural climate which accepts, as facts of life to be tolerated, bad manners,

violence in speech and deed, casual sex and the ethics of do-

as-you-please. The minds of the

young have been opened to moral brutality to an extent

inconceivable a few decades ago, and children are affected not only directly but by the erosion of the values of adults generally. A number of MPs have recently been sent details of the monitoring by the National Viewers and Listeners Association of two films on Channel 4 and one on BBC2 with details of obscenity, violence and blasphemy which are so unmitigatedly foul that they could not be published in this or any other newspaper. Mrs Whitehouse's association is easily ridiculed for absurd puritanism simply because the causes of its complaints cannot decently be published for general consump-tion. But many of the MPs who have been informed now take

advertised during these films. Yet the response of the BBC and the IBA is once again to instify the offence by the context. From the Independent Broadcasting Authority, MPs have received the defence that the films were "in line with the remit of Channel 4" to ensure that its

the matter seriously enough to

approach the companies which

programmes contain "a suitable proportion of matter calculated to appeal to tastes and interests not generally catered for by ITV". However, the MPs are assured that even this did not override the general provisions relating to material which 'might offend public feeling".

is not a reflection on Professor Keen . . . Sir Donald was un-troubled by the fact that two other members of the com-

It is made clear, however, that public feeling must put up with being offended when what is offensive is justified "by context and dramatic veracity". It is admitted that one particular phrase (unspecified, presumably because it is too appalling to be put on paper to an MP) would be allowed even on Channel 4 only "in the most exceptional circumstances". But the "authenticity of the scene", taken with the late hour of transmission (11.30pm), is said to make it "in our view just acceptable" Likewise, the BBC director-

general, Michael Checkland, wrote to the effect that the BBC always rigorously monitors such films. He too defends the obscenity in terms of context and of the 9pm "children's watershed" before which in-

decency is supposed to be excluded. Does he not know of the academic evidence (see The Times of November 29, 1989) showing the significant number of young teenagers and even 11year-olds who watch well after the watershed? Has he not heard of video recorders?

The BBC is, it appears, annoyed at having to spend manhours in re-monitoring the films that are the subject of complaint. That only raises a question over its original rigour. And when the IBA says that "a judgment has to be made about the overall impression and impact" of such films, it leaves open the questions of whether these particular films were monitored, and by whom. But what matters most, perhaps, is less the chance that children will see these films than that younger adults, little more than teenagers, will do so, and be emotionally coarsened by them to the detriment of all society, including the youngest.

Nor is it only television that is at fault. MIZZ, an IPC magazine directed at tecnagers, recently distributed a "free-gift" booklet

(published jointly with a contra-ceptive manufacturer) which Ronald Butt urges ministers to recognize the real threat to the family promoted the idea that sexual activity, including oral sex, is unexceptional, natural and safe for those of the age of its readers. As the chairman of the Order of Christian Unity, Bishop Mau-rice Wood, remarked, this encouraged young people to regard sex as simply a form of play which could be made "safe" by the use of condoms. The OCU complained to the Press Council but its complaint was turned

> What ministers and anybody else who wishes to pronounce on family responsibility have to answer is this. Can they really expect parents to win an uphill battle against the cultural forces which condition their children and young people and over which they have so little control? Are they really confident that they have the great and the good in the places of cultural and commercial power on their side? How can these things be discussed honestly without compounding the offence of obscenity? What, in short, can be done ... about the cultural sabotage which cuts at the root of the family they wish to preserve?

Apart from mislaying my car, I thought I was managing rather well. Lady F is currently an overseas thespian, pursuing her trade in Islamabad, Lahore, Peshawar and Karachi, and I am allowed to look after the evrie in Wimpole Street all by myself: clean the bath, hoover the carpet, take clothes to Sketchley's, stop the milk - everything. If I leave a sock on the floor when I go out, it

is still there when I come back. And then, a few days ago, while I was sitting in front of my notebook trying to write, there came an urgent appeal via the entryphone. Not just a ring, but a sort of tattoo such as might signal the arrival of an over-confident adulterer in a situation comedy: buzz bz buzz buzz. I picked up the receiver, said "Yes?", and became the beneficiary of a harangue. The quality of the telephonic equipment is poor, but

Not only by my front door

I picked out "Freud ... West- letter through your mailbox," minster City Council...refuse and papers left on pavement, warning letter delivered tomorrow." Shouted in a voice that bulged with authority - a voice you would instantly connect with

a man wearing an official hat. It is 91 stairs from where I was to whence the voice came, and I said something Nimmo-like: "Right ho. That's it then. See you

at Philippi." Along those lines. The next day was Sunday. I was sitting in front of my notebook contemplating writers' block when it came again: buzz bz buzz buzz. I raised my green eye-shade. went to the entryphone and said hello. "I am putting a warning

shouted the voice. "You do not have to ring the bell in order to push things through my letterbox," I shouted back; rather neat, I thought.

Four pages later, I went down stairs to assuage my curiosity. The communication was in a brown envelope. "Dear Sir/ Madam," it began. "Madam" was crossed out. They must have been watching. "Following observations by my cleansing officer, E.S. Bourke, refuse from your premises was found deposited in Wimpole Street W1 on Saturday at 11.50 hrs. outside the prescribed collection period. Refuse is collected on Mondays and



FREUD

Thursdays only. It is an offence for refuse to be left out after the collection has taken place. The City Council has declared its intention to take legal proceed-ings against offenders." The letter, partly printed, but with hours before the collection - was personal bits written in capitals lest I should have difficulty with joined-up writing, finished on a kindly note, explaining that "my staff will also assist you if you have any enquiries relating to refuse storage, etc." and asking my help in the environmental service director's endeavour to

keep rubbish off the streets. Of course I shall help. Had I known about Monday and Thursday collections only. I would not have hindered it in the first place. What the cleansing department did not mention was that I got the yellow card (as it is known in

in pristine condition: kitchen refuse in a bin-liner at the bottom; old newspapers next, then the contents of four wastepaper baskets bearing many communications from timeshare companies addressed to me by name (which is how the cleansing officer discovered it was mine).

I walked around the block to see whether I was the sole weekend offender. I was not. Outside No 15 there were seven bulging black bags and one Europa Foods carrier. A King's Cross station trolley stands abandoned nearby. Two mail bags lie football) because my black bag - on the pavement beside the though left on the pavement 48 postbox on the corner of New

Cavendish Street. At Welbeck Street, where it joins Queen Anne Street, a bicycle is chained to the railings, impeding progress as comprehensively as the rubble surrounded by broken yellow lamps some 50 yards down the street. A double-parked truck proclaims "24 hour boarding-up service", so the pedestrians have to walk in the middle of the road, across which there is a five-inch ridge to test the suspension of unwary cars. A blue London Dairies plastic box has been abandoned on that corner also.

There seems to be a sort of lesson here: if you must leave rubbish outside what the council calls "your premises", be sure to remove from it any item which might identify it with you, or else package it in so unappetizing a manner that no cleansing officer would sort the contents in search of clues. Also, I am sorry.

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RAISING THE ROOF

One of Mr John Major's first pieces of home-spun wisdom on becoming Chancellor was that if the Government's economic policies were not burning they were not working. Presumably, therefore, he is not complaining at Abbey National's decision to raise its mortgage rate by 0.9 per cent to a record 15.4 per cent.

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As a rule, mortgage rates are above the rates charged for short-term loans. In that way lenders are compensated for tying up their money for 20 years rather than for three to six months. But for some time now building societies have hesitated about fully matching successive rises in bank base rates.

They have been reluctant to choke off mortgage demand at a time when a stalled housing market was already weakening it and while deposits were still coming in satisfactorily. They also hoped that rates would fall again before the effect of their own uncompetitiveness in the savings market was fully felt in their balance sheets.

Abbey's move, which is expected to be followed by its main competitors, is designed to normalize this situation. Demand for mortgages has if anything tended to increase during January, while competition for deposits has hotted up with the high street banks offering a number of new competing savings products. Bridging the gap in the wholesale money markets has become inordinately

The building societies may also be calculating that relief from the interest rate siege is sufficiently distant to make it necessary to slaughter a few sacred cows. Mr Major has repeatedly made it clear that interest rates were likely to stay high for some time. The developments of the past week in Germany, which have raised fears of new inflationary pressures stemming from monetary union between East and West, have made the likelihood of a cut in interest rates in Britain still more remote in the context of possible increases in Germany.

News of the increase in mortgage rates will be a somewhat acid Valentine's Day message for Britain's home-owners. But although another rise in rates is scarcely needed in the housing market, it does not look entirely out of place in the present economic situation taken as a whole. Although consumer spending has been slowing down, consumer confidence is far from dead to judge from the latest few months' retail sales figures taken together.

Higher mortgage rates will leave less money available to consumers and, by tightening the screw another turn on house prices, will leave people feeling poorer, eroding confidence as well as cash. A period of lower spending cannot be amiss in the fight against inflation.

Higher mortgage rates provide a firmer background for the Budget. Coupled with the modest revival in sterling and the signs of improvement in the trade figures, they will increase the confidence of financial markets that the Government's policies are on the right

The problem is the perennial one that they will also raise the retail price index - perhaps by 0.4 per cent. This could make it even more difficult to contemplate large increases in excise duties following last year's standstill. Yet the immediate effect on the RPI is statistical and will pass as rates come down again; the beneficial effect on the underlying level of inflation will continue as long as policies remain prudent.

The Government will be hoping that the effect on its political standing will likewise be favourable in the longer term, even if the immediate outlook is one of rough weather. No government can feel comfortable with mortgage rates at record levels. But ministers' best electoral hopes are to make sure that by late next year the inflation dragon is slain and the economy is moving forward again. In that context yesterday's move by the Abbey National will help rather than hinder.

TRYING TIMES FOR JURIES

The summons to serve on a jury is one of the most important to which a citizen can be called, and the very survival of the jury system relies upon that duty being universally recognized. Therefore any employer who, for his own selfish interests, puts obstacles in the way of an employee's performance of his duty, is acting most irresponsibly and jeopardizing

It is, however, impossible not to have some sympathy with jurors and their employers in the difficulties they may face when a trial is expected to last up to six months, as is-currently the case at Southwark Crown Court. The allegations are of substantial fraud, the circumstances arise from one of the major City take-over battles of the last decade, and the defendants are in the first rank of prominent British businessmen. In such a case the jury system itself is on trial.

Counsel has already assured the court that the complexity of the evidence is not so great that jurors should feel intimidated by their lack of specialist knowledge. That is just as well, for dozens of potential jurors have been excused already in preliminary hearings in the only room big enough, the court canteen. Two were excused after the first reading of the indictment once all the dramatis personae had assembled in the courtroom itself, one more was excused yesterday in the middle of the prosecution's opening (and a further juror indicated difficulties); and a fresh jury has now to be sworn

The judge has wisely given the panel of remaining potential jurors time to reconsider their availability before it is too late. Meanwhile some proceedings at the Central Criminal Court had to be abandoned yesterday because all available jurors-in-waiting had been sent to Southwark. The case itself is to be restarted from scratch.

The fears of the committee under Lord Roskill's chairmanship which reviewed the law on fraud, reporting in 1986, are beginning to seem all too prophetic. The committee said that both the complexity and the duration of some serious fraud cases could make trial by a jury of 12 randomly selected citizens impractical and a threat to the purposes of justice. The committee recommended that in certain cases the judge should have the discretion to order trial by a panel of three, himself and two assessors, who would be professionals.

The Government chose not to follow that advice, and in so doing it was gambling with justice. If the Southwark case proceeds safely to its conclusion, with the present jury intact, the gamble would have succeeded in this instance. But there is a second trial ahead, the trial judge, Mr Justice Henry, having decided that in the totality of the charges there was too much for one jury trial to encompass. That decision itself, reasonable though it no doubt was in the circumstances and the state of the law, was made necessary by the neglect of the advice of Lord Roskill's committee that an alternative to the jury system was called for.

Lord Roskill's committee felt that the existing procedures for dealing with criminal fraud were likely to tax the system beyond its limits. They made various recommendations. some of which - not including the option to dispense with a jury - were subsequently reflected in the Criminal Justice Act of 1987.

The considerations which bothered Lord Roskill's committee were that it would not take long for a shrewd but crooked businessman to realize that if he is going to commit a fraud, he should follow Dr Goebbels' advice on lying: the bigger the better. There obviously must come a point at which the jury system cannot be expected to cope, because of the combination of complexity and time.

If too many jurors ask to be excused, jury selection would cease to be random. Unemployed people are perfectly competent to serve, even in a long fraud trial, but it is not desirable for there to be too many of them on the same jury. And it is highly desirable that those used to dealing with figures should be duly represented on jury panels in such cases. Yet those are the very people most likely to seek release.

A COMPETITIVE INDUSTRY

The price of petrol is almost as emotive a subject as the price of beer, and lends itself even more easily to conspiracy theory. That is why the industry has just emerged from its third investigation by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in 25 years. The commission's findings, The Supply of Petrol. A report on the supply in the United Kingdom of petrol by wholesale, were published yesterday. Not even the most sanguine oil company executive could have expected such a clean bill

The trigger for this latest reference was a report by the House of Commons Sciect Committee on Trade and Industry in the summer of 1988. The committee was uneasy about a number of features of the market, including widespread allegations of collusion over pricing and the relationship between the oil companies and the operators of their company-owned sites. The reference to the commission followed in November under the Fair Trading Act of 1973, and the remit required them to investigate whether a monopoly situation existed, and if so, whether any aspect of the situation might be expected to operate against the public interest.

"We have examined the industry carefully" the commission say modestly in their introduction. They certainly have - the report runs to almost 500 pages. They concede that the reference reflected both the importance of the industry and the public concern over some of its features, in particular the extent of vertical control. They conclude, however, that much of that concern was misplaced. "In sum,

this is a competitive market". It has long been an article of faith among motorists that reductions in price always happen more slowly than rises. Not so, say the commission. Nor did they find any evidence

that there was collusion between the companies or that UK pump prices were out of line either with those elsewhere in Europe or with movements in consumer prices. Their judgement is that the price of petrol is governed primarily by movements in international prices, and that most consumers can choose from a range of prices and standards of services if they choose to. (Which? reported last month that on the whole they don't choose to, but that is not the concern of the MMC).

The commission did find that a complex monopoly exists in favour of 69 oil companies who supply over 95 per cent of the market. They conclude, however, that this does not operate against the public interest. Mr Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, told the Commons yesterday that as no steps were being taken by the monopolists to exploit the situation, the question of remedies does not arise. The only action to be taken in response to the report is that the Director General of Fair Trading is to keep an eye on any changes that could increase the scope for anticompetitive behaviour. He will carry out a review of company ownership in the industry in three years time.

That is not at all the conclusion which the Opposition, various consumer groups and the Petrol Retailers's Association were expecting, and they can be expected to jump up and down and offer to submit their evidence a second time. Mr Ridley is unlikely to be moved. He is that unusual thing, a minister who feels absolutely no need to earn brownie points. His independence of mind has led him to judge the case on its merits. "If it isn't broken, don't mend it" remains a sound political maxim, and Mr Ridley remains the Government's most consistent exponent of it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Way of training Legal basis for united Germany unemployed

From Mr Peter Ashby
Sir, It is excellent to learn that the
Prime Minister has ordered that
there should be a "dramatic
training initiative", with the introduction of training vouchers
for 16 to 18-year-olds (David Walker, February 12).

However, if ministers are in carnest in seizing the training initiative, they should not stop there. They should also make clear their resolve to extend vouchers to the 400,000 people who have been on the unemployment register for more than two years, and to unskilled workers carning below £110 a week.

The great attraction of vouchers is that they would offer individuals a new entitlement to training. and a real measure of choice over how to exercise that entitlement. For example, long-term un-employed people who do not want to go on employment training could use their voucher to join a Department of Employment Job-club or a further education course.

In return for their voucher, long-term unemployed people should be expected to choose something that puts them on the route back to employment. It would no longer be an option for them to remain on income support and choose nothing.

Each month the ranks of the unemployed are swelled by unskilled workers who have been unable to secure any training to move on to a new occupation. They also would benefit enormously from a new scheme of vouchers, to match money they are prepared to invest - from their savings or a loan - in their own

Training vouchers for long-term unemployed people would end long-term unemployment as we know it, whilst vouchers for unskilled workers would increase mobility among those groups at greatest risk of becoming unemployed in the 1990s. Together with vouchers for 16 to 18-yearolds, they would provide the dramatic new training initiative for which the Prime Minister has now called. Yours faithfully,

PETER ASHBY (Director), Full Employment UK, Europa House, St Matthew Street, SWI.

From Mr John Parfitt Sir, Mr Tilley's article "Training shock" (February 8) is right to express concern about information technology (II) skills and training shortages but is mis-guided on one point.

There is no reason why schoolleavers wanting IT courses should have to pay for themselves. They can already study computing or electronics to BTEC (Business and Technician Education Council) First or comparable City and Guilds/RSA level at one of the country's 170 information technology centres and under the new youth training scheme starting this year they will be able to take a three-year course to the level of the BTEC National Certificate an excellent second chance (although not a soft option) for the school leaver without the four GCSE/O levels usually required by colleges for entry to such

Far from paying, they will continue to receive the traditional YT allowances and indeed many are able to earn more on employer attachments during their courses, which for some 90 per cent of students lead to jobs working in information technology. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, JOHN PARFITT, Gloucestershire Information

Technology Centre, Larkhay Road, Hucclecote, Gloucester.

Meter reading From the Director General of the Engineering Council

Sir, Reading gas meters (letter February 6) is not exactly the job for which a chartered engineer has been educated and trained.

A chartered engineer is a highly qualified person. To be awarded the title Chartered Engineer (CEng) the normal route is gaining a degree, carrying out two years' training, followed by two years in a responsible post, some seven years in all. It requires much less qualified staff to read a gas meter and I believe British Gas staff carry out that task admirably. DENIS E. FILER.

Director General The Engineering Council, 10 Maltravers Street, WC2.

Embryonic rights From Mr Philip Naughton, QC

Sir, Mr Allan Levy, QC (February 12) is of course correct in saying that the Court of Appeal dealt with the words "capable of being born alive", which appear in the Infant Life (Preservation) Act, in the Oxford student case (Cv.S). But in its very short judgment (reasons were to be given later but never were) it went no further than saying that if a foctus was in-capable ever of breathing it was not canable of being born alive.

In the recent decision of Mr Justice Brook (in which of course he cited C v.S) he was called upon to determine the stage in its development at which a child was so capable - and therefore at what stage a criminal offence would be committed if a pregnancy was terminated by abortion. He de-cided that a child is capable of being born alive if it has reached the stage when it can exist as a live child, breathing and living with-

in a resolution of the North Atlantic Council, The legal position remains unchanged and the

From Sir Clive Rose
Sir, In his report (February 12, later editions) of Mrs Thatcher's speech at Torquay, your Diplomatic Correspondent suggests that article III of the 1975 Helsinki Final Act is the text governing changes in frontiers which would

result from German reunification. But it is not article III which contains the commitment not to change frontiers by force, but article I which is relevant. Under this "The participating states... consider that their frontiers can be changed, in accordance with inter-national law, by peaceful means and by agreement".

This was intended to mean agreement between the parties directly concerned—that is, in this case, the two German states. It was never envisaged that this article should give the 35 countries participating in the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) a droit de regard over changes made peacefully which would in practice imply a vcto.

Article I goes on to say: "They also have the right . . . to be or not to be a party to treaties of Alliance". But as your Diplomatic Correspondent points out, the Final Act is not a treaty having legal force.

The legal position stems from the arrangements agreed at the 1945 Potsdam Conference, which established the Allied Control Commission (United States, Soviet Union, United Kingdom, and France) for the administration of Germany pending a peace settle-ment and the country's division into four occupation zones.

The unified administration broke down when the Soviet Union pulled out of the Control Commission in May, 1948. This did not, however, affect the legal rights of the Four Powers with regard to Germany. These were confirmed in the 1954 protocol on the termination of the occupation regime between the Federal Republic and the three Western powers, in which the latter retained their rights with regard to "Germany as a whole including the reunification of Germany and a peace settlement".

At the same time the three powers formally declared that "the achievement through peaceful means of a fully free and unified Germany remains a fundamental goal of their policy". These docu-ments were recognised and endorsed by the rest of the Alliance

Middle East peace

From Mr Barnet Litvinoff Sir, Can Mr Natan Sharansky (Spectrum, February 6) seriously believe that Israel carries no obligation to move towards peace with the Palestinians until the Arab states create a more open society; and that America and the Soviet Union must press the Arab states to move in that direction?

This appears to be a new, depressing Israeli excuse to postpone compromise, implying that peace will never come to that part of the Middle East. The Islamic peoples have their own concept of a virtuous society, to which democracy bears little relevance.

Further, America and the Soviets are hardly the ones to preach. The former, like Britain and other democracies, showed no compunction in paying court to Iran during the Shah's dictatorship, nor to oppressive Latin American regimes when it suited them to do so. Russia itself has a long way to travel before she can be regarded as a model for democracy.

Israel, like all other nations, has a responsibility to grant human rights where she has freedom of action, in the territories she actually controls. The intifada is the consequence of 20 years' inertia in this regard. Yours faithfully BARNET LITVINOFF. 28 Hollycroft Avenue,

Hampstead, NW3. Police role

From Mr Mark Newberry Sir, Mr Levin (February 5) is wide of the mark when he seeks to raise the spectre of agent provocateur. The phrase is an emotive one, conjuring up the demons of a vicious police state where the apparatus of authority sets out to trap the innocent. The reality is, as usual, a different thing altogether.

My dictionary defines the expression as "tempting suspected offenders into overt action". This. I suggest, is not the same as luring innocent people into actions they would not otherwise commit. Each case must be judged on its

out connection to the mother, even though it might require the assistance of a ventilator and specialist neonatal care and even though it may have little prospect

of long-term survival. It follows that in most cases the effective limit for the legal termination of pregnancy is not greater than 24 weeks gestation except in cases where the mother's life is at risk. Yours faithfully

PHILIP NAUGHTON, 3 Serjeants' Inn, EC4. February 13.

From the Chairman of the National Family Trust

Sir, It is most encouraging to read (February 10) that the Prime Minister is backing those who seek amendments to the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill

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quently reaffirmed. It is certainly right that all 35 members of the CSCE should be

policy declaration has been fro-

involved in working out "a just and lasting peaceful settlement in Europe accompanied by appropriate security guarantees", which is what Nato adopted in 1967 as "the ultimate purpose of the Alliance". But it is in the end the Four Powers who will have to give their approval to the act of reunification, as a preliminary to the conclusion of a peace settlement.

This will be the essential legal basis for the legitimacy and inter-national status of the future German state. It is evident that Chancellor Kohl has recognised this fact. Yours faithfully,

CLIVE ROSE Chimney House, Lavenham, Sudbury, Suffolk. February 12.

From Mr S. B. Cook Sir, It is intriguing to see that Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien ("Russia's German dilemma", February 9) finds an ally in "Gorbachov's enemy" on the Central Committee, Yegor Ligachov, for his own negative views on German

To treat the question of a unified Germany with a mixture of fear, cynicism, and selfrighteousness is the very attitude which can lead to future problems. There are self-fulfilling prophecies. If we see only danger in German unity, danger we shall get. Nations, like people, tend to react according to what others expect of

One sure way to isolate Germany and to nourish the very nationalism we claim to fear is to treat her with continued suspicion and unwarranted, apparent if unintended, moral superiority. Surely what the "two Germanies" need from other nations at the moment is farsighted statesmanship, vision, and a positive expectancy of what the land of Kant and Goethe, Bach and Beethoven can contribute to the new society emerging in Europe and — one hopes — the rest of the world. Yours faithfully,

S. B. COOK, 12 St Anthony Road, Heath, Cardiff. February 10.

From Mr Abdul Latif Ajami

Sir, Mr Sharansky claims that an influx of well-educated Soviet Jews to Israel will help prospects for peace there. He could be right. so long as the immigrants themselves don't subscribe to his views. There is an irony in Ma

Sharansky, born a Russian, urging "Peace Now" movements and democracy on the Arab states as a prelude to peace. Such movements stand no chance of success unless helped by the right regional environment, controlled to a large extent by Israel herself.

True, Israel is the bête noire of the Arab world while the Soviet Union was the Eastern bloc's greatest ally — but surely recent events have shown us how little such labels count. In fact, by helping a Palestinian state into being and removing the Arab regimes' major excuse for tyranny and backwardness, Israel could do as much for the Middle East as Mikhail Gorbachov has done for Eastern Europe.

What Israel needs is to recognise its own strength. Radical Arabs consider that Israel's portrayal of itself as the beleaguered underdog fighting for democracy and decency is a clever Jewish plot. The far greater tragedy is, in fact, that the Israelis themselves believe it. Yours sincerely. ABDUL LATIF AJAMI,

240 Latimer Road, W10. February 7.

merits, hence the existence of the courts.

Is the vulnerable young woman police officer deployed to trap a rapist an agent provocateur? Are the officers sent out to catch muggers and street thieves agents provocateurs because they dress or act the part? Come, Mr Levin, to be emotive and make a mountain out of a molehill is to make a case out of nothing, and to tempt others into a response they would otherwise not make . . . a journalistic agent provocateur no less! Yours faithfully, MARK NEWBERRY,

Elliott House, Molyneux Street, W1.

currently being debated in Par-liament, so that infertility treat-ment becomes restricted to

married couples. Children's rights and psychological needs require the State to be restrained from promoting the creation of lone-parent families through medical techniques. Neither women nor men have an

innate right to have a child, for, in all respectful relationships, people are "gifts" not "property" Children born by artificial insemination must be granted the same legal rights as adopted children, having access if they wish beyond their 18th birthday to

information about their biological parents. Potential sperm or ovadonors would thus have more regard for the parenting responsi-bilities involved. Yours faithfully,

RICHARD WHITFIELD, Chairman. National Family Trust, 101 Queen Victoria Street, EC4. February 12.

In the true spirit of Scouting

From Mr Donald Lindsay Sir, In view of the recent decision of the Scout Association to admit girls of all ages (report, February 9; letters, February 14) it may in-terest your readers to know that the late Angela Dowager Countess of Limerick, whose biography her family have asked me to write, as a young girl, together with her elder sister, formed the 1st Mayfair Troop of Girl Scouts in 1909.

Although the Boy Scout authorities had shown a marked lack of enthusiasm for "Girl Scouts", it was possible for girls keen to emulate their brothers to form their own troop and be officially recognised at Scout headquarters. Once registered, they were permit-ted to wear uniform - khaki shirts with coloured neckerchiefs, navy skirts, and cowboy hats - and were supplied with badges.

The 1st Mayfair Troop pitched their tents in Eaton Square and found Hyde Park ideal for tracking. So unknown to the general ablic were Girl Scouts in those days before the Girl Guide movement was founded that Angela, as assistant scoutmistress to her sister and patrol leader of the Kangaroos, once received a letter addressed to the "Assistant School Mistress and Petrol Dealer".

The troop flourished for two years until the claims of boarding school removed its leading mem-bers, but not before it achieved its finest hour. Barbara Gibbs, of the Pecwit patrol, was awarded the Scout silver life-saving badge for rescuing her brother, Humphrey, from possible drowning. Little could anyone know that she had saved the future and last Governor of Southern Rhodesia. Yours faithfully, DONALD LINDSAY

34 Belgrave Road, Seaford, East Sussex.

From Mrs Foky Bradshaw Sir, Devon Girl Guides are having an international camp for 1,000 girls this summer. So far girls from 10 countries, including Australia, Japan, and the West Indies, have accepted our invitation.

The Guides will be given the opportunity to take part in the following activities: absciling, akido, aerobics, amateur radio, archery, barn dancing, camp fire singing, climbing, caving, craft, hiking on Dartmoor, farm visits, grass skiing, surf skiing, dry ski-ing, musical keep fit, orienteering, rifle shooting, pioneering (includ-ing using the "death slide"), pony trekking, swimming, canoeing, rowing, raft-making, sailing, may-pole dancing, Morris dancing, seven-a-side games, parachute games, and "It's a knockout".

Guide movement does not provide excitement for their guides, please Yours faithfully. FOKY BRADSHAW.

Littlewick Cottage, Fore Street, Shaldon, South Devon. February 9.

From Major R. J. de V. Wade Sir, Baden-Powell's view on the subject of Girl Scouts, writing in The Scout paper on September 12. 1908, must be relevant:

I have had several quite pathetic letters from little girls asking me if they may share the delights of a Scouting life with the boys. But of course they may! I am always glad to hear of girls' patrols being formed . . . This quotation appears in Baden-Powell, Tim Jeal's 1989 biography.

Yours sincerely, JAMES WADE, 9 Catherine Close. Shrivenham, Swindon, Wiltshire. February 10.

From Mr T. E. Parry Sir, On Friday evening, the day following the Scout Association's decision to allow girls to join Scouts, I asked my troop of 27 boys if they wanted girls to join their troop. The result was a reluctant five Scouts agreeing that they did. Whilst I was waiting for the troop's answer I overheard one Scout mutter, "but not my sister". So I rephrased the question. Did they want girls, excluding sisters, to join their troop? The response was an immediate and enthusiastic yes. Yours faithfully

TREVOR E. PARRY. 1 Sycamore Drive, Banbury, Oxfordshire. February 12.

Unlikely skirl

From Mr Alex Pincus Sir. On a recent visit to our Italian idiary in Milan, I was amazed to find that our technical manager, Aldo Delladio, is an avid prac-titioner of the baspipes, corna-musa in Italian (Mrs Jack's letter, February 9).

It appears that his interest extends not only to ownership of an instrument and the full regalia, but also to practice sessions in the hills above his home in Trento. It is also believed that he has purchased, by mail order, a Teach Yourself Scottish Dancing floorroll on which he has been secretly training in his lunch hours.

Our Italian managing director, Vladimiro Colombi, believes that Aldo is probably "il migliore suonatore d'Italia cornamusa". Yours faithfully, ALEX PINCUS (Sales and Marketing Director), The Orangery,
Turners Hill Road,

Worth, Crawley, West Sussex. February 9.



COURT CIRCULAR

February 14: His Excellency Mr Abdulla Mohamed Al-Dhahao was received in audience by The Prince of Wales and The Prince Edward, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as the Speaker of the House of the House of the Speaker of the House of t Flenipotentiary from the Sultanate of Oman to the Court

of St James's. nied by the following members of the Embassy: Mr Abdul Aziz Abdulia Zaher Al-Hinai (First Secretary), Mr Mohamed Ahmed Al-Sabash (First Secretary), Mr Ali Abdullah Salim Hilal Mohammed Al-Barwani (Defence Attache), Mr Mohammed Mr Sami Habib Hattache) and Mr Sami Habib Attache), and Mr Sami Habib Ali Karub (Cultural Attache).

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

CLARENCE HOUSE February 14: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and The Prince of Wales, Counsellors of State under Her Majesty's Com-mission, held a Council on behalf of The Queen at

There were present: the Right Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP (Lord President), the Right Hon. John Selwyn Gummer, MP (Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food), the Right Hon. Richard Luce, MP (Minister of State Privy Council Office and Minister for the Arts), the Right Hon. Sir Patrick Mayhew, MP (Attorney General), the Right Hon. Nicholas Scott, MP (Minister of State, Department of Social Security), the Right Hon. Sir Donald There were present: the Right the Right Hon. Sir Dor Murray (Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal of Northern Ireland), and the Right Hon. William Waldegrave, MP (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

The Right Hon. Sir Donald Mrs Peter'
Murray and the Right Hon. in attendance

William Waldegrave, having been previously appointed Members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, took

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council

The Right Hon. Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP had an audience of the Comsellors of State before

Commons (the Right Hon, Bernard Weatherill, MP) with her presence at Dinner at Speaker's

The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales received His Excellency Mr Tadensz Mazowiecki (Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Poland) at St James's Palace. His Royal Highness, President of the International Coun-

cil of United World Colleges, received Sir Albert Sloman and Dr I G Patel at St James's Blace. The Prince of Wales, Presi-

dent, The Prince's Youth Bus-ness Trust, received Sir Basil Feldman at St James's Palace. His Royal Highness received His Royal Highness Prince Turki Al Faisal (Counsellor to the Saudi Royal Diwan) at Kensington Palace.
The Princess of Wales, Pa-tron, Relate, attended the "Fam-

ily of the Year Award" hunch at the Inn on the Park Hotel, W1. The Hon, Mrs Vivian Baring, Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN and Mr Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE The Duke of Kent, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, this morning attended the Convocation of Grand Chapter and invested Grand Officers at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, London, WC2.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened the Network Housing Association's new project, "Middlesex House," in lperton, Wembley. Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was

Today's royal

engagements The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, will hold an Investiture at Buckingham Pal-ace at 11.00; and, as President of the Prince's Youth Business Trust, will attend a luncheon for supporters of the trust's appeal at Claridge's hotel at 1.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Parkinson's Disease Society, will visit the society's research projects at King's Col-lege's Chelsea Campus, Manresa Road, SW3, at 10.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Gloucestershire Regiment, will receive the Honorary Freedom of the Cotswolds in Circuester at 11.00 on behalf of the of Great Britain, at 6 Carlton regiment.

Memorial service Mr H.C. Edwards

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Harold Clifford Edwards was held yesterday in the Chapel of King's College Hospital. The Rev S. Meyer officiated. Dr Victor Parsons, Consultant, Renal Medicine Department, King's College Hospital, read the lesson and Mr Selwyn Taylor gave an address.

Lecture

Royal Society
Sir George Porter, OM, President of the Royal Society, presided at the annual Bakerian Lecture delivered by Professor t, will J.M. Thomas, Director of the cedom Davy Faraday Research Labor-neester atory and the Royal Institution House Terrace last night.

Dinners

The Speaker Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at a dinner given by the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill in Speaker's House yesterday evening. The Dowa-Viscountess Hambleden and Sir Martin Gilliat were in atten-dance. The other guests were:



Lord Mayor of Westmin The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were nosts at the annual reception and dinner of the City of Westminster held last night at the Banqueting House, Whitehall. The guests included:

Members of the Diolomatic Corps. members of both Houses of Particularly representatives of the Church, the Judiciary, the Armed Forces, the emergency services, the series of the series. Commerce, and Greater London Mayors.

England
Mr Terence English, President
of the Royal College of Surgeons
of England, entertained friends of the college at the biennial Buckston Browne dinner held last night at 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields. Professor Sir Geoffrey Slaney, Miss Phyllis George and Major-General A.W. Dennis

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Mr David Greggains, Master of
the Company of Tin Plate
Workers alias Wire Workers,
presided at a dinner held last
night at Tallow Chandlers' Hall.
Mr Malcolm Hollins was the
gnest of honour. Mr John Hayes
also spoke.

Mr R.L. Wyatt (Vice-Chairman of the
Association). Lord Exts. Lord Balton;
df Burleich, Lord Inchtyna, Mr Terence
Higgsins, MP, Sir Gordon Borrie, OC.
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Professor Denys Fairweather, Vice-Provost of University College London, presided at the annual Crabtree Foundation dinner held last night at the college. Dr James Graham-Campbell also spoke. Among

those present were: Str David Wilson, Sir James Lighthill, Sir Kenneth Christoffes, Major-Çanerel I H Baker, Professor Peter Foote, Dr N J Titchener-Hocker, Mr Frank Delaney and Mr Negley Boyd Harte.

Chartered Institute of

Management Accountants
David Knox MP, hosted a
dinner in the House of Commons yesterday evening on
behalf of the Chartered Institute
of Management Accountants. The event was attended by the Institute President, Mr Ronald Giffin and other members of the Institute. Among the guests who attended were:

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Mr Jack Agginwall MP, Mr Nicholas
Brown MP, Mr Stan Crowther MP.

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McAruy MP, Mr Alan Meak MP, Mr Lewis Moonie MP, Mr Gordon Gaises

MP, Mr Richard Page MP, Mr Stilzbeth Peacock MP, Mr Tim Smith

MP, Mr Lewis Stevens MP, Mr Andrew Stewart MP,

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Finance Houses Association Mr John Hoddell, the Chairma of the Finance Houses Associ-ation, presided at the Association's Twenty-Eighth Annual Dinner held at the Hotel Inter-Continental last night. The prin-Commental tast night. The principal guest was the Secretary of State for Trade & Industry, the Hon Nicholas Ridley, MP. Mr. Robert Colvill, Managing Director of Marks & Spencer Financial Services, proposed a toast to the guest to which I out the guests to which Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos CH, re-sponded. Among those present

Anniversaries

theologian, Bretton, Germany, 1497; Pedro Menendez de Aviles, novelist, Aviles, Spain, 1519; Galileo Galilei, Pisa, 1564; Michael Praetorius, composer, Kreuzberg, Germany, 1571; he died on this day, Wolfenbüttel, 1621; Jeremy Bentham, Utilitarian philosopher, London, 1748; Alfred North Whitehead, philosopher, Ramsgate, 1861; Sir Halford John Mackinder, geographer, Gainsborough, Lines, 1861: Sir Bannister Fletcher, architect and architectural historian, London, 1866; Sir Ernest Shackleton, Antarctic explorer, Kilkee, Co Clare, 1874; John Barrymore, actor, Philadelphia, 1882; H M Bateman, cartoonist, Sutton Forest, New South Wales, 1887.

BIRTHS: Philipp Melanchthon, DEATHS: Henry Deane, archbishop of Canterbury 1501-03, London, 1503; Jan Swammerdam, entomologist, Amsterdam, 1680; Gottheld Lessing, dramatist, Braunschweig, Germany, 1781; Henry ('Orator') Hunt, political re-former, Alresford, Hants, 1835; Mikhail Glinka, composer, Berlin, 1857; Nicholas Wiseman, cardinal, first archbishop of Westminster 1850-65, London, 1865; Lew Wallace, American Civil War general, author of Ben Hur. Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1905; Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, prime minister 1908-16, Sutton Courtenay, Berks, 1928. Singapore surrendered to the

Tapanese army, 1942.

OBITUARIES

GUY SCHOFIELD

Daily Mail Editor who helped found the Press Council

Guy Schofield, Editor of the Daily Mail in the 1950s and a foundermember of the Press Council in 1953. died yesterday at the age of 87.

He was one of the few newspaper editors to have been summoned before the Bar of the House of Commons to apologize for commit-ting a contempt of the House.

In a wide-ranging career, Schofield edited both national and provincial newspapers and for a period in the 1950s was Director of Publicity at Conservative Central Office.

Edward Guy Schofield was born on July 10, 1902, and educated at Leeds Modern School. His professional career followed a traditional pattern, from copy boy to reporter, sub-editor to assistant editor and editor to director.

He entered journalism on leaving school on the old Leeds Mercury where he worked from 1918 to 1925, when he crossed the Pennines for Withy Grove, then the great Manchester newspaper complex, to join the Daily Dispatch as a sub-editor. He also had a spell on the Manchester Evening Chronicle.

Schofield moved to Fleet Street in 1931 when he was appointed Chief Sub-Editor of the London Evening Standard, where he remained until 1938.

He was then hared back to his native city as editor of the Yorkshire Evening News, which was at that time fighting a gallant but losing battle against its dominant rival, the Yorkshire Evening Post: it was a conflict which inevitably produced some refreshing and incisive journalism.

After four years he returned to Fleet Street as Editor of the London Evening News from 1942 to 1950. It was while he was editing the Evening News, in 1947, that he was called to appear at the Bar of the House of Commons. The issue that brought him there was one that has frequently bedevilled journalists: a conflict of loyalties over the disclosure of sources of information.

Leaks from private meetings of the Parliamentary Labour Party at that time irked Labour leaders, one of whom, Mr Herbert (later Lord) Morrison, took the issue to the newlycreated Press Council, which supported the argument that the business of the Press was not to help politicians

February 12, aged 96, was Director in Estate Manage-

ment and head of the Depart-

ment of Estate Management at

Cambridge University until

He was mainly responsible

for the development of teach-

ing, research and practical

beginnings to a large organiza-

his retirement in 1961.



to keep their secrets but to let the public know what was happening on issues of public interest and

In the particular case, Schofield and his lobby correspondent (Stanley Dobson) had refused to answer questions put to them by a Select Committee which would have disclosed the name of an MP who had supplied them with information about party meetings in return for payment. The Committee of Privi-

Noël Dean, who died on pointed, in 1922, Surveyor to and professional work, with tor in Estate Management was

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School of Agriculture. . .

On taking up his appoint-

contempt of the House and Schofield and his colleague were summoned for the solemn ceremony in which, after successive bows in several directions. they offered from their lonely prominence at the Bar their humble apologies, saying they had been unaware that their refusal to answer questions before the Select Committee was a contempt of the House.

After their dismissal and some discussion it was decided not to proceed further, members of the pressed their understanding of the ordeal to which Schofield and his colleague had been subjected by conflicting loyalties.

Schofield edited the Daily Mail for five years from 1950 to 1955; under his leadership the paper retained a more serious and balanced approach to news and other affairs than some of its contemporaries. He was at the same time a director of Associated Newspapers.

For a short while after he relinquished the editorship Schofield advised the owner, Lord Rothermere, on political matters. He then had a twoyear spell as Director of Publicity at Conservative Central Office where his wide and practical journalistic experience was invaluable. In 1957 Schofield was again drawn

back to Leeds, this time as Sir Linton Andrews's deputy at the Yorkshire Post. He was a director of United Newspapers from 1960 to 1979. He was also a director of Sheffield Newspapers from 1963 to 1979 and of Yorkshire Post Newspapers from 1969 to 1982.

Schofield served on the Press Council from its inception in 1953 until 1955. He was a Fellow of the Institute of Journalists.

He was also chairman of the British Committee of the International Press Institute from 1953 to 1955 and for many years was on the Council of the Bronte Society.

Schofield was a tall, distinguished looking man with silvery hair and with a pipe as his constant

He had a special interest in theology and wrote several books on early Christian history. These included The Purple and the Scarlet (1959), a church history, Crime Before Calvary (1961), in which he discussed the Crucifizion in its political setting; In the Year 62 (1962), another work on early Christianity; and Why Was He Killed? (1965), about the Jewish people and the death of Jesus. In contrast, The Men That Carry the News (1975) was a readable history of the successful United Newspapers

He was married twice. His first wife Norah, by whom he had a daughter, died in 1935, and his second wife Ellen, died in 1977.

Dean and his staff gave to

and rural estates, in the pur-

chase, sale and development

ROBERT MARTIN

Astute analyst of the

financial scene

Robert Martin, who had been City Editor of the Glasgow Herald for almost 25 years. died on February 7 in a London hospital after undergoing heart surgery. He was

He was born in the Ayrshire seaside resort of Largs on July 1, 1934. National service and a degree in political economy at Glasgow University were followed by a period of management with Lucas and then in the food industry.

But he had always had a hankering to write and in 1962 he joined the city staff of the Glasgow Herald in Fleet

Within two years he became commercial editor of the paper in Glasgow, arriving in 1964 to preside over the reporting of the takeover battle between Lord Fraser of Allander and Lord Thomson of Fleet for control of George Outram, the company which owns the Glasgow Herald and Evening Times.

From the start of his iournalistic career he was always relaxed when he found himself at the centre of events and he relished the experience.

Later he often reminisced about this time and would draw on his recollections for the amusement and education of his colleagues. He had travelled from London to Glasgow in the company of Fraser, who told him at a crucial stage in the battle: "If it's a fight Roy wants then I'm his man." In the event Fraser won control of Outram and in 1965 the Glasgow Herald had a new editor. Bob Martin went to London a month before his 31st birthday as City Editor.

He brought a cool head and a wealth of experience to every aspect of economic and financial journalism. He backed James Gulliver of Argyll in the battle for Distillers. After this Ernest Saunders invited him to tea on a Saturday afternoon, but he declined. Later he told colleagues, "I was in

repair, maintenance and cial journalism in the 1960s.

improvement of buildings, Budgets brought out the including the historic build- best in him - the need for jor event at the drop of a hat. He knew every Chancellor from Callaghan onwards and had been relishing John Major's first budget before he

the garden, in my gumboots." Bob Martin was his own the University and to many of man - a genuinely indepenthe Colleges much valuable dent commentator with no help and advice in the axe to grind. He called for Nigel Lawson's resignation management of their urban from the Exchequer a year before the event, though they had been colleagues in finanof their property and in the

went into hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Dean's wife and two sons Bernice, one son and two daughters.

Forthcoming marriages

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the First World War and and that they had no clerical

Mr J.E.V. Pheips and Mrs L.F. Wild

Norfolk, and Linda Frances, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Bryan, of Willow House, Kettlestone, Norfolk.
Mr J.W.F. Comerford and Miss K. Matsumoto
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs Neville Hobbs, of Meads, Eastbourne, late Mrs Monica Comerford, of Guildford, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of Sir Robert and Lady Clark, of Munstead, nr Godalming, Surrey.
Mr M.F.T. Bowsher and Miss C.D. Thornton The engagement is announced between Colin Derek, son of Mr

stead, nr Godalming, Survey.

Mr M.F.T. Bowsher
and Miss H.F. O'Brien
The engagement is announced between Colin Derek, son of Mr and Mrs John Hunt, of Staines, between Michael, elder son of Middlesex, and Claire Danielle, His Honour Judge Bowsher QC daughter of Mr and Mrs and Mrs Peter Bowsher, of William Thornton, of Woking, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire.

Mr P.J.C. McCormick
Mr P.J.C. McCormick
and Signorina L. Capea
The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Jean and Nrs Alleydood, Aberdare.

Mr S.I. Colderick
and Miss LD. Nicol

Hampshire, and Luisa, daughter

The engagement is announced between Stewart Ian, youngest son of the late Mr Raymond Colderick and of Mrs Ivy Mr G.M. Spensley Colderick, of Corsham, and Miss A.M.H. Alexander Wiltshire, and Ishbel The engagement is announced Deborah, youngest daughter of between Graham Maclaren, son Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs of Mr and Mrs H.S. Spensley, of David Nicol of Garelpotheed Realiest Herts and Alicen

Mr S.J.G. Doggert

The engagement is announced Bucks.
between Simon Jonathon Mr A.M. Strong
Graham, son of Mr and Mrs and Miss H.E. Thomas Hubert Doggart, of Chichester, The engagement is announced West Sussex, and Antonia between Andrew Michael, son Mary, elder daughter of of Mr and Mrs Nigel Strong, of Commander Iain Ross, of New Zealand, and Mrs Michael Elizabeth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Thomas, of Lt T.C.W. Falton RN

and Miss S. de Glanville
The engagement is announced Mr C.J.J. Young
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Mr J.E.V. Phelps and Mrs L.F. Wild and Miss V.A. Hughes
The engagement is announced between John Edward between Gry. son of Mr and Mrs Vandeleur, only son of the late Colin Griffin, of Martock, Brigadier Douglas Phelps and of Somerset, and Vicki-Ann, the Hoa Mrs Phelps, of Grove Farm House, Langham, and of Mrs Muriel Hughes, of Norfolk, and Linda Frances, Kensington, London, only daughter of Mr and Mrs

Hampshire, and Luisa, daughter

David Nicol, of Garelochhead, Radlett, Herts, and Alison Dumbartonshire, Scotland, and Margaret Homfray, younger Knaphill, Surrey. daughter of Mr P.E.H. Alexander and the late Mrs H. Alexander, of Chalfont St Giles.

Leatherhead, Surrey.

Berkeley Both families are happy to A Memorial Requiem Mass for announce the engagement of Sir Lennox Berkeley, CBE, will Shaun W. Gillanders, of Drifbe celebrated by His Eminence field, Yorkshire, and Kathleen Cardinal Basil Hume, OSB, at Anne Kerr (Katy), of 11 am, on Tuesday, March 20, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire. 1990, in Westminster Cathedral.

chool of Agriculture. At first Dean was engaged in The Branch had recently the professional work only, been established to conduct but later he took a full part in the teaching for the BA degree and to associate it with proposition of the description of the teaching. He was appointed a University Demonstration of the teaching of the teachi fessional assistance to the onstrator in 1929 and a University and Colleges in the University Lecturer in 1932. work in estate management at management of their estates when he also became head of the Estate Management Branch. In 1946 Estate Management was only one other member of

NOEL DEAN

Developing the study of estate management at Cambridge

became a separate Depart-Dean was born on Decem- the staff, that they were ment with Dean as its head ber 18, 1893. After serving in housed in an old army hut, and a course in urban estate management was introduced gaining professional experi- assistance and no funds. On in parallel with the rural sible by the quality of teaching ence in private practice and his retirement the staff en- course. In 1949 the University and research in the public service, he was ap- gaged in teaching, research, administrative office of Direc- Department.

the Estate Management clerical and other assistants, established for Dean. The work had developed to

such an extent before Dean's retirement that it was decided not to attempt to find anyone to take charge of all of it, but to separate the control of the professional work from that of the teaching and research, with close co-operation between them. Shortly afterwards the University approved the replacement of Department developed a spethe ordinary degree in Estate Management by an honours degree in Land Economy - a change which was made pos-

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cial knowledge and technique. During the Second World War he supervised large drainage schemes in the fens.

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said Mr Steven Held, assistant

director at the Akrotici excav-

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"The Akrotiri dig has sev-

them in great awe.

Appointments His Honour Judge Saied, of the District Court of Hong Kong, has been appointed a Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong with effect from August 25, 1989.

Mr N T Kaplan, QC, of the Hong Kong and British Bar, has been appointed a Judge of the High Court of Hong Kong from March 26, 1990.

Professor James Trainer, of Stirling University, has been re-appointed to the UK Fulbright Commission. Mr Robert Crawford to be a

part-time member of the board of the Civil Aviation Authority for a further three years from March 1, 1990. Mr David Nichelson, MP for Taunton, to be Parliamentary

Private Secretary to the Rt Hon Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development.

Birthdays today

Sir Harold Beeley, diplomat, 81; Sir William Bentley, diplomat, 63; Miss Claire Bloom, actress, 59; Sir Stephen Brown, former 59; Sir Stephen Brown, former chairman, Stone-Platt Industries, 84; Sir Arthur de la Mare, diplomat, 76; Mr Justice Drake, 67; Mr Frank Dunlop, director, Edinburgh International Festival, 63; the Countess of Dysart, 76; Mr Paul Ferris, author, 61; Mr Gerald Harber, actor and broadcreeter rems, author, 61: Mr Gerald Harper, actor and broadcaster, 61: the Earl of Jersey, 80: Miss Diana Jones, jockey, 40: the Earl of Mar and Kellie, 69: Sir Richard O'Brien, former chairman, Manpower Services Commission, 70: Mr C.F. Payne, chief constable, Cleveland, 60: Mr Tim Powell, former chairman, Massey-Ferruson, 78: Mr Mr Tim Poweil, former chair-man, Massey-Ferguson, 78; Mr W.K. Reid, Ombudsman, 59; Miss Jane Seymour, actress, 39; Miss Clare Short, MP, 44; Sir Adrian Swire, chairman, John Swire and Sons, 58; Sir George Taylor, botanist, 86; the Right Rev R.W. Woods, former Bishop of Worcester, 76.

Mapp & Lucia Ball The Ball, organised by the Tilling Society, will take place in the Reform Chub on Saturday. May 19. Booking now open to non-members. Details and tickets. (57.50) including Champagne Reception and supper available from Richard Smart, Milestone Tutorial College, 85 Cromwell Road, London, SW7 (01 373 4956).

pears in the new science and technology section,

Bone find redates history

By Christopher Follett

Archaeology

The discovery of thousands of extinct pygmy hippopota-muses and dwarf elephant bones on a cliff site in south Cyprus has brought forward the date of man's presence on the eastern Mediterranean is-land by nearly 2,000 years.

In 1961, David Nixon, the then 14-year-old son of a British serviceman stationed at RAF Akrotiri. Britain's western Sovereign Base Area, discovered nearby a large quantity of fossilized pygmy hippopotamus bones, which were sent to the British Musuem for identification.

The Actokremnos (Eagles' Cliff) site on the eroded southern tip of the Akrotiri peninsula, near Limassol, re-mained unvisited until 1980 when Brian Pile, then an RAF lieutenant and member of the Sovereign Base Area Archaeological Society, unearthed a mass of bones, seashells, chipped stone and other fragments during a fossil hunt at the base and alerted local

archaeologists. "I was making my way along the cliffs looking for fossils," said Mr Pile, now a squadron leader assigned to RAF Akrotiri. "I just sat down a bit and saw I was sitting on some bones. They turned out unearthed along with the re- before man arrived. be hippopotamus ribs." mains of birds, including bus- It is hoped to rest Field seasons at the site tards and a few marine Akrotiri dig this year. to be hippopotamus ribs."

were conducted in 1987 and species, used as food by the 1988 by American archaeologists under the direction of Dr Hippo and elephant bones are Alan H Simmons of the also known from other sites Desert Research Institute of around Cyprus as well as from the University of Nevada, the western Mediterranean iswith funding from the Nat- lands of Malta and Sicily. ional Geographic Society. Based on a series of radio bones of the West African carbon samples, the site aphippopotamus discovered in pears to date to approximately Liberia. 8000 BC, making it the earliet site on Cyprus.

Previously the neolithic found in caves or under rocks sites of Khirokitia to the east and Cape Andreas-Kastros at the north-easternmost tip of the island, dating from around 6000 BC, were regarded as the oldest known inhabited places on the island.

A total of 26 square metres

eral major implications. It pushes Cyprus's pre-history back 2,000 years, showing that on the island.

has been excavated at the man colonized the island Akrotiri site with the full co-much earlier than thought so operation of RAF Akrotini. More than 100,000 animal bones have been recovered from a waste dump, about 95 per cent being pig-sized pygmy director hippos from the Pleistocene ations. Period (one million to 10,000

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It is hoped to resume the **Inner Temple** Duke of Edinburgh Entrance
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House, 10-12 Robert Square, London WCIB 5Ae on the two business days failing next before the day of the meeting. Dated this 7 day of Pahruary 1990 C Veich Director Note: Process to be used at the Registered Office of the Company at Embergrise House 856 Western Road, Hove, East Sweet RN3 113 not taker than 4 OO or Cock on the 21 day of Fedurary 1990.

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BAKER - On February 7th, at
The Portland Hospital to
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BEAGLEY - On February 9th,
to Philippa thee Paiget and
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a sister for Charlotte.
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WMITTALL - On Monday February 5th 1990 at Colchester Materiaty Hospital, to David and Stephanie. a daughter, Charlotte Elizabeth Anne.

WOOLLEY - On February 8th, to Lynn tube Valtenanty and Michael, a dangater, Emma Jame, a sister to Lucy.

DEATHS

ATTUNISON - On February 14th 1990, in New Zealand, William Leslie (Tommy), aged 92 years, Late Sudan Criti Service, husband of Alizon.

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SEATON - On February 13th, very suddenly at Hensle, Yorkshire. Surpeon Rear Admiral Douglas Beaton C.B., C.B.E. Husband of the late Vlotet Beaton and belowed Father of David and Prances. Grandfather of Richard and Virginia. Private cremation in Huli on Monday February 19th, followed by a Menorial Service in Auchterarder. Scotland, on a date to be announced. Family flowers only blease. SELLHOUSE. On February 13th 1990, at Amesbury Abbey Nursing Home. Harriet Margaret (Peggy) Bellhouse. (née MacRitchie), beloved wife of Geoffrey Bellhouse O. B.E., F.C.A., lake of Nalizru. Kenya, much loved mother, grandmother

bellowed wife of Geoffrey Bellhouse O.B.E. F.C.A.. late of Nakuru. Kenya. much loved mother: grandmother. The funeral service will be held at Ameabary Parish Church on Thursday February 22nd at \$1.45 am. followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only.

GNAPMAN - On February 9th. bragically in a light aircraft. Allen Walter. of Shile Hedingham, aged 41 years. Beloved husband of Kristina and father of Limit Funeral Service Holy Trially Church. Piechey, on Friday February 16th at 2.30 pm. Floral tributes to T. Pennack & Sons. 3 Maidon Road. Creet Baddow, Cheimsford. Essex CM2 TOW.

GNARM S.-EDWARDS - On February 11th 1990, peace-hulty at Sandingham. Norfolt. Louise, widow of Mervym Charles-Edwards, beloved mother, grandmother had great-grandmother. Funeral Friday February 16th at 1.15 pm at Christ. Church. Norwich, followed by private

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BEAM - On Monday February

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force ceilings of 195,000 and in Europe's central zone by with an additional 30,000 li troops in Britain, Italy, Green and Turkey. Moscow insign on parity throughout Europe The US refused. Westerner lomats believe the Sories backed down because we East European countres de manding the withdrawal Soviet troops, they are its perate for a Convention Forces in Europe (CSE) tran this year.

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GALPINE - On Frimmars one PRICHER - On February 10th, at home, peacefully, John, greatly loved husband of Delia, devoted father of Julia and grandiather of Maniva and James Funeral private at his request. Date of Memorial Requies Mass to be amounted later Requiescal in pace.

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CIFFORD - On February 8th.

Daphne Helone, after a year's finess, formerly of The Public Record Office.

Funeral Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Wednesday February 21st at 11.30 am.

No flowers please, donabons

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MARCEMAPE - On February
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MIGGINS - On February 13th
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Bernard Arthur, aged 76.
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Mark. Charles. Diana and
Patricia. Funeral Service at
St Edmund's Church, College
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February 19th at 2 pm.
followed by private burial at
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Memorial Service. Enquiries
10 F.W. Splisbury, Malvern.
Let: (0684) 892777.

MUTTON - On February 13th, suddenly in Switzerland, Harry, much loved husband of Kay, father of Barbara, Stephen and Jane, Grandfather and friend, He

will be greatly missed by all.
Private cremation in Lucerne, Switzerland Details of
Memorial Service to be
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MARSHAM - On February
2nd. John Edward
Marsham. born India 1910.
son of Watter John Marsham
and Frances Leonora
Marsham. late of East Acre.
Winchester Funeral to be
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Weigham Road, February
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McCORMACK - On February
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Devoted husband of Judy:
Funeral Service at Bedford
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Family flowers only please,
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MORSE - On Pehruary 6th 1990. Granville Edward. aged 70, in Canada. son of the late Esmond and Dora Morse.

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PHT - On February 12th, peacefully at home after an illness courameously borne. Peter thubert, losing and deatly losed husband of Jean, father of Delia and Tony, grandfather of Care and Sophie Funcial at St. Mary's, Harrow on the Hill. February 20th at 2 pm 100 stallum Leubacona Reseatch GALPINE - On Frbruary Offi 1990, at The Helvedere Nursing Home. Alice Lilian Galpine JP in ner 87th year Beloved wife of the late Dr JF. Calpine. mother of Christine and Elizabeth Funeral Service to be held at Canty Cermatorium. Coven iry, on February, 15th at 12-20. Family flowers only GAURT - On February, 13th

PUREFOY - On February 13th 1990, bearefully in hospital. John Bagwell Purefoy aged 91 of Cooham. Surrey Beloved husband of Jill and a much loved inther and yrandiather. The Funeral Service will be held in St. Andrew's Church. Cobham. on Tuesday February 20th al 10.45 am. Family Rowers only, but donations in heu would be appreciated to the Morth. Surrey. Spasics. Group. Co James & Thomas Limited. F/D. Mill Road. Cooham, KT11 SAL.

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page of Scott Roberts.
Respected colleague at the
National Library of Scotland.
Cremation private by
request Memorial to be
announced later.

RUTHVEN - On February 13th 1990, peacefully at Yeovil District Hospital. Norah Isobel (nee Lee), aged 87 years, after a brief Uliners. Cremation followed the Memorial Service at the Church of St Peter and SI Paul, Wincanton, on Friday February 16th at 2.30 pm Enquiries to Thomas Green' Funeral Directors, Station Road, Wincanton, tel: (0963) 32724.

CHILESINGER - On February 13th, Hans, peacefully at home with family at his side. Cremation on February 20th at 2 pm at Golders Green

SCHOFIELB - Edward Guy. of Similegton. North Yorkshire. one time Editor of The London Evening News and The Daily Mail and formerty a Director of Associated Newspapers. United Newspapers and Yorkshire Post Newspapers. Aged 87.

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CAIRO, Feb 14

Lord Northcliffe, in response to applications from practically every newspaper in the country for a statement on the subject of Palestine, in which Egyptians are keenly interested, issued the following before

leaving Egypt...

I first visited the prosperous and peaceful Jewish wine-growing colony of Rishon-le-Zion (First of Zion), which was established 40 years ago on very unfavourable land by Beron Edward de Ruthschild. Here Jewa Edmond de Rothschild. Here Jews live in peaceful proximity to the Moslem neighbours. Mostern neighbours.
This and other flourishing settlements are a proof of the capacity to colonize of the right kind of Jew. It should be remembered that the population of Palestine is made up of 700,000 Moslems and Christians and 70,000 Jews, including "orthodox" Jews, who are opposed to what one of

profoundly disappointed and desply impressed by the unhappy state of the formerly peaceful Palestine, as evidenced by the Jaffa and other fatal disturbances, by the recent discovery of the Jewish attempt to import revolvers concealed in beehives, and by the fact that the roads have to be patrolled by armoured cars and

Christian majority at the utterances of Zionist leaders in Palestine, Great Britain, the United States, the Continent of Europe, and elsewhere. These speeches and writings have created a natural apprehension amongst the ancient inhabitants of Palestine by stating that Zionist Jews will completely occupy and control their country.

Native Palestinian Jews, as much as British residents, resent what they

behaviour.

I do not hesitate to predict that

check the extremists ...

In my opinion, unless the situation be firmly dealt with and greater respect shown for the rights of the 700,000 Palestinian Moslems and

independent interpreters Palestine.

Latest wills

stone, of Chency Lane, Headington, Oxfordshire, cu-rator of the Pitt-Rivers Museum rator of the Pitt-Rivers Museum at Oxford 1976-85, visiting lecturer at University College, London, 1955-71, a fellow of Linacre, the Oxford graduate college, and a vice president of the Royal Anthropological Institute 1980-83, left estate valued at £162,572 net.

Mr Bryan Allan Lefevre Cras- West Yorkshire, widow of Eddie Waring, the sports commentator, left estate valued at £135,608 net. Mr Arthur Coates, of Wollaton, Nottinghamshire, retired en-gineer, left estate valued at £845,762 net. Mr Norman Wilkinson, of Sheffield, South Yorkshire, left

Church news

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HEALTH

Vasectomy, always contentious, has now been linked with male cancers. Is it time to re-evaluate its worth?

he absence of a male equivalent of the female pressure groups which lobby on behalf of women's health has been high-lighted this week by a report in the British Medical Journal by a team of Scottish surgeons. The surgeons suggest that men who have had a vasectomy are four times more likely to develop cancer of the testis in the 10 years following the operation than those who have opted for other methods of contraception.

The research has passed almost without notice in the media. But if comparable statistics had been uncovered in relation to a minor female surgical procedure associated with cancer of the breast or cervix, it would have created headlines and been the subject of outraged questions in the House of Commons. "Women are much more aware of the balance between benefit and risk," says Charlotte Owen, of the Family Planning Associ-ation. "Men, possibly because they have not been considering the problems of contraception for so long, seem more

ready to accept possible risk."
Alexander Cale, formerly of
the Bangour General Hospital in Livingston, near Edin-burgh, with two surgical colbeigh, with two singlest cor-leagues, Marwan Farouk and Ian Wallace, and the support of a medical statistician, Robin Prescott from Edin-burgh University, has studied the case histories of 3,079 men who had a vasectomy in his district (Bangour General was the only hospital to serve the area) between 1977 and 1987. Eight of the vasectomized patients were found to have a testicular cancer, the expected number, calculated from Scottish Office statistics, should have been fewer than two.

The average time for these tumours to be detected after the operation was less than two years. The time which elapsed between surgery and the growth of a cancer to the stage where the tumour was large enough to be felt was so theory advanced in the Journal of Urology in 1987 that vasectomy accelerates the growth of a pre-existing quies-cent tumour, rather than causes the initial malignancy; in technical terms, it is suggested that the operation converts a carcinoma in situ into a palpable, invasive tumour.

In medical epidemiology a study of 3,000 people is not a large one, particularly when the number of tumours likely to be diagnosed is so small. The vasectomized should be reassured by the experts: Roger Kirby, a urologist from mew's Hospital,

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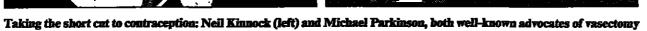
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A risk too great?

London, who has a special interest in surgery of the testis, says: "Although this is a most interesting study, it is a very small one, so chance might confound the conclusions. There are other studies which are larger, which have not revealed any association between malignant diseases of the testis and vasectomy.
"In a trial of this size with

patients drawn from a com-paratively small area, other local factors might influence the development of tumours."

The FPA shares Kirby's opinions. "We take note of any study which might expose a potential risk," Owen says, "but through no fault of the authors this Scottish study has some epidemiological flaws. It was too small, and was not prospective. The link between vasectomy and the cancers could be coincidental. Further research is needed."

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Cale acknowledges that the results require clarification through a larger study, with careful analysis to exclude possibly confusing factors such as class and smoking. It is estimated that there are more than 75,000 vasectomies a year and the number is still

growing, even though it has

ways been a contentious

committee on science and technology discussed its suitability as a means of contraception. Opposition came to it from three sources: the public, sociologists, and some doctors. The opposition from the public was due mainly to confusion between vasectomy

'Young men should not think twice, but very much more often, before asking for a vasectomy'

operation. It is nearly 20 years and castration; many men, since the parliamentary select consciously or subcon-committee on science and sciously, feared that the snip would remove potency as well as fertility. Their anxieties were assuaged not by a government report, but by the example of television personality Michael Parkinson, who publicly advocated it; the public reasoned that if the operation satisfied Parkinson,

it would do for them. Sociologists were, and still are, worried by the probable finality of the operation. Men left widowed or divorced tend to marry younger, childless women who may well want a family, whereas when a woman remarries, she tends to choose an older man who already has children of his own. Kirby finds a constant demand for reversal of vasectomy from men marrying for the second time, a demand

- by rejoining the vas, the tube leading from the testis is becoming more successful. so that in careful hands 80 per cent of the men operated on will have sperm in their semen, for various reasons only 40 to 50 per cent will regain their fertility. Some doctors have always

also has requests from parents who have lost a child. Al-

though reversal of vasectomy

been wary of vasectomy. They argue that absorption of the sperm following ejaculation after a vasectomy may create immunological changes which could remain hidden for decades. In evidence they quote experiments with non-human primates, in whom vasectomy has been followed by an increase in blood press and, later, heart disease. Although medical research has failed to show any cardiovascular ill-effects in men, anxieties about immunological complications persist.

n 1988 a report in the British Journal of Cancer suggested that together with smoking, a family history and an early active sex life, vasectomy was a risk factor in the development of cancer of the prostate. This study showed that 30 years after a vasectomy, patients were more than four times as likely to develop a cancer of the prostate as men who had not had one. At that time the FPA called for more research, but no confirming evidence has been forthcoming. What causes cancer in the prostate is still not known but the nature of the risk groups, and the cancer's response to feminizing hormones, suggest that many cases are due to high male hormonal levels. Vasectomy remains a valu-

able method of contraception, Owen says. "We will certainly continue to recommend vasectomy to couples who have carefully considered the prob-able irreversible nature of the operation.'

Roger Kirby, who points out that one always has to compare the risk of one procedure against that of another in medicine, contrasts the possible hazards of a vasectomy for the male against those of the Pill, with its possible association with cancer of the breast. He sees no cause for alarm, but tempers his advice more on sociological than medical grounds: "Young men should not think twice, but very much more often, before ask-ing for a vasectomy. I am certainly loath to do one for a man in his twenties or early thirties, for it is always impossible to predict the future." poorly met by the NHS. He Dr Thomas Stuttaford

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Working to

Although the Duchess of York's flights to Switzerland and Argentina may have raised a few medical eyebrows, she is not alone in her recent challenge to traditional medical teaching on the best way to spend the last few weeks of pregnancy.

A report in The Lancet by a team of Australian obstetricians questions the accepted wisdom that, as mothers of twins need additional rest, they should be admitted to hospital between the 26th and thirtieth week of pregnancy — a critical period, for after this the baby has a reasonable chance of survival. Doctors, relaxed and thoroughly at home in hospitals, have seemingly failed to realize what an upset to a pregnant woman it is to be separated from her familiar surroundings and subjected to an impersonal ward regime. Rather than helping to save babies' lives by preventing very premature delivery, the enforced hospital rest at this stage of pregnancy has been shown by the Australians to be more likely to lead to disaster.

One hundred and forty-one women expecting twins, and at-

tending 11 different hospitals, were randomly assigned either to outpatient or inpatient care during the crucial four weeks.
Twenty-two babies were delivered before the 32nd week to those who had been admitted, but only 10 to those who stayed at home.
The ill-effects of admission persisted throughout the rest of pregnancy, for significantly more of these women later needed admission for delivery as a result of spiced blood appearance. dmission for delivery as a result of raised blood pressure, early

labour, or general misery, than did those who stayed at home.

The Lancet also comments on the dangers of attributing too
many advantages to pre-maternity leave. A report by Patrizia Romito, published by the Thomas Coram Research Unit, analyses the realities of life at home for a woman awaiting the birth of a child. In theory this leave should allow her to have more rest, the idea being that her husband brings her breakfast in bed and later helps with the cooking and domestic chores. In fact, Romito has shown that the pregnant working woman counters her loneliness by indulging in an orgy of housework. Her husband, when he comes back, assumes that as his wife has been resting all day it is now her job to prepare supper.

Hard labour at home has its effect. Women who stayed on in full-time employment were less likely to have pre-term babies, and their babies, when delivered at term, were larger, and less likely to be stillborn or to die in the first few weeks of life.

Out on a limb

it not for injury, the English Rugby Union selectors would have had at least six first class wings, from whom they could choose two to terrorize the Weish this Saturday and the Scots on March 17. But this year the wings have, as always, been subjected to

This year, were

more than their fair share of injuries. The situation was reversed between the wars when Scotland had the services of Ian Smith, the Flying Scotsman and one of the great wings of all time. But he, too, suffered repeated leg injuries. Smith, without ever complaining, felt, probably

mistakenly, that these injuries later contributed to the need for him to have his leg amputated, and that it was this amputation which caused an aneurysm of the aorta. The aorta is the main artery of the body. It carries the

blood away from the heart and has branches supplying all the vital organs and the limbs. An aneurysm, usually due to high blood pressure and arteriosclerosis, is a local weakness in the vessel's wall. This weakness may cause the aorta to dilate and occasionally, with fatal results, to rupture. If the dilatation starts to become too marked, disaster can be averted by replacing the affected part with a hose, closely knitted from man-made fibres. Smith, who had this operation, may have been wrong in blaming his amouta-tion on his rugby injuries, but would have been amused, had he still been alive, to have found that his assumption

that the amputation was

linked to the aneurysm, a

theory always discounted by

doctors, was probably correct.

A recent German study quoted by The Practitioner has shown that a patient is five times more likely to develop an aortic aneurysm following amputation. The research workers have investigated more than 1,000 ex-servicemen injured in the Second World War. Among these, 5.8 per cent of the 329 amputees had an aneurysm, and only 1.1 per cent of the non-amputees. Changes in the calibre of the branch arteries leading to the amputated limb alter the flow patterns of the blood in the aorta, thereby subjecting its walls to unnatural but

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way of measuring the diameter of the aorta, so that any dilatation can be detected at a stage when it can be safely treated. Some doctors feel that aortic ultrasound should become a routine procedure in the screening of all hypertensive middle-aged patients, and most would agree with the Germans that it is an essential investigation for anybody who has had a leg amputated.

Babies full of beans

fee-drinking, arguably the most common of all addictions, has had a bad press over the past few years. Accusa-tions against it include a report in The Lancet in 1988 which condemned coffeedrinking as a possible cause of infertility, as a study had shown that even one cup of coffee a day could lower conception rates by 50 per cent. Last year, too, the British Medical Journal published an account detailing the effect which a large number of cups of coffee could have on the rate and rhythm of an unborn utero, the child has none of the enzymes needed to detoxify the caffeine consumed by its

survey on coffee-drinking by women trying to become pregnant has been undertaken, to check its supposed effect on conception. It, also published in The Lancet, has failed to confirm the 1988 findings. The American physicians working in Atlanta, Georgia and at the Harvard Medical School questioned 2,817 fertile women about the time it taken them to conceive and the amount of coffee, tea or cola drinks they had taken during this period.

The study exonerated coffee as a cause of infertility, although it did not, of course, investigate any effect it might have had on a baby's heart rate. There was an apparent relationship between heavy coffee-drinking and the time it took to conceive, but when due allowance had been made for the lifestyle which is associated with heavier coffee-drinking — including a woman's smoking habits, her alcohol consumption, weight, education and increasing age this association disappeared.

The authors concluded that coffee-drinking is not a cause of primary infertility, and has little or no effect on the time taken by fertile women who plan their pregnancies to

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Close call for a funny man





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pounds started piling on, with

all that good Welsh cooking lavabread, gravy, suet pud-

dings, butter, cream. I got a

tide of lard swimming up-

wards from my ankles. Fat-

ness became part of my persona. I thought I had to be fat to be funny. I reached 19 stone and I'm 5ft 7in tall.

Even after the operation I

didn't lose much weight. Then

I went to see an Australian

doctor after doing a concert at

the Sydney Opera House and

he said he'd give me two years

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I stopped drinking, dieted,

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I was not too healthy when I was a child, always catching things.

All the new diseases tried me first. I was blessed with a good constitution as an adult until I had an emergency operation for a perforated colon in Barbados 10 years ago. I'd flown there all the way from Sydney knowing I wasn't well, but it was Christmas and the family was waiting, and I had this idiot feeling that if I got there it would be like Shangri-La, everything would be OK. The crew wanted to take me off the plane at Hawaii, but I stuck it

out to Barbados and was taken good for me. to hospital when I arrived. The trouble was that the doctors thought I had colic. It was two days before they found out what was wrong. It was touch-and-go; I was lucky to survive. They also discovered I had diabetes. It's diet: you've got to watch the something I can handle with carbohydrate and sugar conthree tablets a day and diet. tent of your food, then you're My panereas just has to be all right. I'm about 15 stone kicked into producing insulin. now. When I took the weight Now I'm president of the off it was a relief. I saw my British Diabetic Association. knees again for the first time It helps diabetic kids if their mums can point to me on television and say: "He's diabetic, it hasn't done him much harm." If you've got

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Shaggy elf on quest for true self

N. Wilson's last biography was of Tolstoy, and to move from that novelist to C. S. Lewis could be regarded as moving from Mount Parnassus to a molehill; a similar descent might be observed by the more earnest reader in Wilson's previous transition from Milton to Belloc. But there is something that unites these writers of more importance than the vagaries of literary reputation, or even the imperatives of literary excellence: in every case Wilson has been concerned with a man of mcommon religious sensibility. And so now with Lewis, who is described here as having "plumbed the irrational depths of childhood and religion" although, in Lewis's case, those two cannot easily be distinguished. This is, in other words, a book about the true origins of

Clive Staples Lewis was born in Belfast in 1898, one of the sons of Protestant Ulster. It might be thought, then, that he was truly a child of the new century, but the curious fact is that he was always looking back. Looking back to his own childhood. Looking back to the myths and legends of the past. From an early age he was obsessed with what he called "Northernness", and he was possessed, too, by the magic of Wagner, by Matthew Arnold's Sohrab and Rustum, by Guerber's Myths of the Norsemen. Since his mother died when he was nine years old, and he showed no more than a vestigial affection for his father, it might be presumed that his interest in a mythic or fictional past was his way of displacing the real one; certainly this atavistic piety bears a significant relationship to the Christianity which he was later to espouse but which, in his early adulthood, meant little or nothing

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at all to "Jack" Lewis. He was more interested in what became the strangest relationship of his life, in his association with Peter Ackroyd on the hearty Oxford don who became a hearty but odd Christian cult



the mother of an Oxford friend that continued for more than 30 years. Since his own mother died when he was so young, this might profitably be seen as some exercise in compensation or substitution; but when it is combined with Lewis's evident interest in sadomasochism (all the women in his life were, in the cant term, dominant), the whole matter is cast in a yet more lurid light. Wilson has always been an expert in harid lights, of course, and he is adept at describing the darker or at

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factory lives.

Brandon, how-

ever, discovers

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least more subterranean aspects of Lewis's character. As a result it cannot be said that he emerges with quite that wholesome and even saintly aspect for which he is now reverenced by his admirers. There is in fact always something faintly unpleasant about him bluff, truculent, creating a cult of the healthy and the normal in order to conceal the somewhat tremulous self behind the horrible tweed jacket and beery panneh. Yet, although Wilson is not averse to a little light gossip and

gashers. The subject of a loving portrait in Cathie Pelletier's

whimsical Once Upon a Time on

the Banks, it emerges that if any

people deserve to be thought of as Maniacs, it is the Mattagashers.

At the heart of the plot are the

impending nuptials of one of the

town's daughters, a Scottish-Irish

Protestant, to a French-Canadian

Catholic. As the clan gathers on

the banks of the wild and wily old

Mattagash River for a spring

wedding, things start to go wrong: parents fend, children misbehave,

the local petty thieves set to work,

winter makes a comeback, and the

groom makes a getaway. But it is

one of those novels that disrupt

the status quo only to restore it:

and with a delicately teasing touch

Pelletier defends the quirks and

oddities of the backwoods mental-

ity, even as she admonishes them.

A charming comic turn.

Kingdom Come ought to be a very good novel. That it is less

than that is down to the teller,

Bernice Rubens, rather than the

(b) ignorant, or (c) what?
On balance, I think that it is both kinder and nearer the truth to

point the finger at irredeemable

stupidity. True, his ignorance is

impressively encyclopaedic. By page five he has confidently told

us that the only two first-hand sources for Socrates' life are

Xenophon and Plato (tough,

Aristophanes), that Geron is ty-rant of Syracuse (I know thee not,

old man: he means Gelon), that

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of the facts: he does not even begin to comprehend what historical

understanding entails. He quotes

Diogenes Lacrtius, writing 700

years after the events, without

ever raising the question of the value of such a source. For Socrates' trial (399BC), he pre-

pares for some reason to describe the jury-system of "Pericles' day" (Pericles died in 429) but proceeds

to give a hilariously garbled account of late 4th-century procedure. Even so, it is De Crescenzo's

But his ignorance is not merely

C.S. LEWIS A Biography By A. N. Wilson, Collins, £15

the faintest trace of sarcasm or irony at his subject's expense, his real pilgrimage is towards what he calls Lewis's "true self", a self which emerged from hibernation at the same time as he rediscov-ered his childhood faith. It is connected too, with Lewis's re-

awakened imagination which, in its own recovery from sleep, took on the form and characteristics of his childhood reading. Of course the better side of Lewis, that true self, emerges in precisely this association of Christianity with his youthful imagination. That is why the best of his religious parables, by Wilson's admission, appear in the form of fantasy or science fiction: the transition from Christian apologetics to children's stories was in that sense not an unhappy one. He was merely

swapping one nursery for another. Both his imaginative and religious lives can be seen as a form of retreat, of regress, and both allowed him to divest himself of an adult sexuality which seems to have taken so peculiarly troubling

That is why his religion itself often seems so narrow, so much a matter of beer and bluster, and why his fiction seems so hasty, the improvisations of an instinctive gift which he chose neither to examine nor to discipline. It is this

potent combination of piety and nostalgic fantasy which Wilson describes as his robust conservatism".

It meant also that, as a writer, Lewis was quite out of sympathy with contemporary authors such as Joyce and Eliot. And it meant that his real home was Oxford. University, his true role that of scholar and lecturer. Wilson himself adopts a famil-

iar, private, almost chatty, style on this occasion; but, since it is in oblique homage to his subject, it serves very well. It is perhaps this empathy, so natural and even necessary in biography (to read any biographical account without it is a painful experience), which leads him to overestimate Lewis's importance as a writer. The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe is not War and Peace, and The Screwtape Letters is not written by John Milton. But if Lewis had one especial gift it was, as Wilson claims here, that of "story-telling" - in a similar spirit the biographer has constructed out of Lewis's life a story that makes any critical attempt to "place" his writing

Indeed his life itself has now, it seems, become a kind of myth his years with a rebarbative American fan have been turned into a play, Shadowlands, while the whole history of Lewis's life on earth has now been transformed into an allegory by his Christian admirers. Just as he earnestly required something upon which to build his faith, so his disciples (it is not too strong a word) have turned him into an object deserving homage. It may be hard, even on the evidence of this book, to believe that he was a major writer. But that does not matter - he has attained a kind of immortality for reasons that have nothing to do with literature, and for that feat Wilson salutes him in a book that has as much to do with the need for belief as with a man whose life

Women don't often win

In 1859 the Rible took a bashing: Darwin published The Origin of the Species, and the institutions and assumptions of

the divinely ordered Victorian world began to wobble. In 1859 They found themselves making the subjects of Ruth Brandon's frustrating and even tragic est The New Women and the Old Men were predominantly rocking in wombs, cradles, or on unsteady legs. Two decades later, Nora slammed the door of her Doll's House and added to the shaking. She was applauded by a group of New Thinkers who were now adult, brilliant, and seriously setting about the business of

detonating conventional views of sexual and marital relations. With a fusion of biography, social history, and analysis more absorbing than fiction, more grip-ping than Pirelli, Brandon describes and evaluates the experimental personal lives of Eleanor Marx, Edward Alving, Edith and Havelock Ellis, of Sidney and Beatrice Webb, H. G. Wells, Rebecca West, Amber Reeves, and of Olive Schreiner and Margaret Sangor. What novelist would dare

to include all these extraordinary characters and all their extraordinary relationships in one book? This circle of

social revolutionaries tried free love, polygamy, marriage without sex, and sex without marriage; they explored sexuality "perversity"; they horrified respectable society, and uncovered the legs of their pianos. They were

they had an opportunity to control the way they lived their own lives, to create their own mores in line with their own guiding principles. These principles were structured on a belief in sexual and economic equality and freedom.

The free-thinking men suc ceeded in living without com-promise, in living as free agents according to the ideals that they and their intellectually equal partners fiercely upheld. Freud's favourite, Havelock Ellis, "The Sage of Sex", investigated "perver-sity". He married the bisexual Edith, and was particularly excited by the vision of women urinating. He worked on his investigations quite as thoroughly as H. G. Wells worked on devising Utopias. (But not quite as thoroughly as H. G. Wells worked on making love.) It was "Wells worked on making love.) It was "Wells" are principle to live was Wells's principle to live exactly as he chose, and he succeeded. Sidney Webb chose to work with Beatrice in a marriage without sex, and he succeeded. Sex vithout marriage, on the other hand, was the particular social experiment of the brilliant Dr Edward Alving. He lived with Eleanor Marx, "sharing" her bed

and her money with mistresses. These were pretty radical departures from accepted Victorian codes of conduct - departures which enabled the men to live

Nicola Murphy THE NEW WOMEN

AND THE OLD MEN By Roth Brandon Secker & Warburg, £16.95

live according to the ideal of selfdetermination. compromises

Central to the question of freedom was the question of children. The New Thinkers believed (in paradoxically tra-ditionalist fashion) that motherhood was the most noble Webb, and Wells did not want tiny feet pattering about their backyards. Havelock and Sidney desired peace and quiet; so Edith and Beatrice renounced the idea of children. Wells desired women, and he enjoyed making "The Grand Gesture" of making those women pregnant. He then exited stage right, and left the women wholly responsible for the babies. Amber Reeves, the Cambridge scholar with a Double First, married someone else purely to provide a home for the child, and

gave up her intellectual life. Nineteen-year-old Rebecca West, however, would not give up her work in order to mother Wells's son, and for many hidden in the country as a social outcast. And El-eanor Marx? What did she give she loved and sup-

ported the univer-

sally loathed Alving, whose principles would

not allow him to

marry her. Even-

Havelock, the Sage of Sex

tually they allowed him to marry someone else. Then Eleanor committed suicide. In fact Brandon finds that only the South African Olive Schreiner

and the American Margaret Sangor lived their lives on their own terms, Both women deserted lovers and marriage because work was a greater priority. Olive was ultimately frustrated, for she could never become a parliamentary politician; but Margaret fought through courts and jail for the Poor Women's right to contraception, and fought with success.

Brandon concludes that the

secret of self-determination was to devise your ideal life pattern and live accordingly in the name of principle, free from that destructive and seemingly distinctly British phenomenon, guilt. She has no axe to grind and no accusations to make. The New Women and the Old Men is not an exercise in historical castration. It is an unceasingly entertaining and stimulating exercise for the mind. Brandon's attention is focused on men and women at the turn of the century, but it is impossible to read this work without pausing on every page to look at your own life. In fact, in a turn-up for the book, it is impossible to read The New Women and the Old Men without continually putting it down.

fone Horace Thud, author and canoeist, is to be believed, the people of Maine like to be referred to as Maniacs. The excep-Boondocks comic turn tions are the residents of Mattagash, a tiny community of tongue-wagging in-breeders who prefer to be known as Matta-

highly ambitious tale, which re-constructs the life of a 17thcentury Jew who proclaimed himself the Messiah, and then opted for apostasy instead of

Born into a poor Jewish family in Smyrna, Sabbatai Zvi shows early signs of being exceptional. Even his aroma indefinably sets him apart; but when the rabbi who ncises him smells brimstone on his breath, it becomes clear that for every proselyte there will be someone else denouncing false prophets. Chief among the doubters is often Sab batai himseli though feverish visions and beady-sweated trances never fail to restore his faith in himself.

The problem with the narrative is that it is hard to have faith in the narrator, one who tautologically describes Sabbatai's role as the Redeemer as a "burdensome onus", one who depicts his departure from Jerusalem as a "masterpiece of mise-en-scéne" (sic), one who tirelessly resorts to cliche. Rubens doubtless had certain effects in mind when she elected to use the modern idiom, but fore-

FICTION

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ONCE UPON A TIME ON THE BANKS By Cathie Pelletier Hutchinson, £13.95 KINGDOM COME By Bernice Rubens Hamish Hamilton, £13.99 LUST

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most among them cannot have been a wholesale demystification of her quasi-biblical subject. When Sabbatai leaves by sea for Con-stantinople, for example, his fam-ily and followers watch as the boat goes round "the bend of the shoreline", for all the world as if

Saul, Sabbatai's principal disciple, chronicler, and soul-mate, doubles up as his bed-mate (the new Messiah is "not the material"), and accompanies him on the path to accompanies him on the path to redemption through sin. This is Sabbatai's creed, and the source of another of Rubens's linguistic insufficiencies: she has a rare incapacity to portray evil, let alone good, with any sense of relish. In a novel that purports to watch the two of them at war, this

comes across as a handican.

Susan Minot takes as her epiline translated from Ovid - "Ah, I have asked too much, I plainly see" - which tells you all you need to know about this collection of acrid little love-hate tales. Minot's message — that men can be depended upon for nothing apart from the jilt — is intensified by repetition. That is Minot's story and she sticks to it.

The point she makes is that it happens all the time, this male betrayal, and in an infinite variety of ways. Nothing says this better than the opening piece, "Lust", a

youthful sex as a regular dis-appointment, at least for girls. In later stories the sex is good, even fulfilling, but there tends to be a catch: in "Lunch with Harry", Harry slips up when he calls his girlfriend by his ex-wife's name. Minot passes on the bad news about relationships in the barest most unselfpitying of prose styles, but however emotionally valid her stories may be, one feels that in the long term this engaging young American writer will be even more gaging when she adds new tunes to her repertoire.

One novelist who should have

series of short vignettes that depict

done the same many novels ago is Simon Raven, whose languid blend of scholarly exhibitionism given another outing in In the ige of God. The sixth novel in his "The First Born of Egypt" sequence finds the same old team of vastly unlikeable (and entirely unbelievable) mind-gamesters conniving, bitching, and sinning in standard vein. The plot, unravelled in long bursts of tire-somely polished dialogue, involves a struggle between various Raven regulars, all of them pernicious, to win influence over beautiful schoolboy Marius Stern. an obnoxious Aryan Adonis.

nybody who reads this book knowing nothing about Greek philosophy will enjoy one of life's greatest experiences: a meeting of like minds. The only question about De Crescenzo is: is he (a) stupid, (b) ignorant or (c) where Crescent Goon rampant

Peter Jones

A HISTORY OF GREEK PHILOSOPHY Vol. 2 Socrates and Beyond By Luciano De Crescenzo Translated by Avril Bardeni Picador, £12.95

("beloved") of Archelaus (eromene is feminine), that Greek homosexuality "was never regarded as scandalous" (nonsense), and that Christianity is responsible for homosexuals' problems (I restrain comment). The howless continues to hand an activate to the continues to hand an activate to the continues to hand an activate to the continues to hand an activate to hand an activate to the continues to hand an activate to hand a continue to hand an activate to hand a continue to the continue stupidity which, though pushed hard to the end, puts its ears back to stride home the winner. It is on an epic scale. The tone is set on page one, where he announces that the only first-hand sources for Socrates are Xenophon and Plato and adds "and the odd 'hearsay' comment of Aristotle's". But if "first-hand" is now being re-defined as "hearsay" what meaning can we attach to first-hand? If be actually means "hearsay", why stop at Aristotle? But while everyone will find their own favourites in this bottomlessly crass book, I plump for De Crescenzo's views on comedy. Having claimed that Aristotle never mentioned com-edy again after defining it in that

part of his *Poetics* dealing with tragedy — Aristotle in fact devoted a whole (lost) treatise to it, but we do not want facts steaming up the mirror of truth — he says that "the downward facts." downgrading of comedy began with Aristotle", and argues how unjust this is, when we realize "how much of our knowledge of the Greeks comes from Aristoph-anes and Menander and how little from Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides". Page after page had already seen me rearing up like a startled horse at some novel insight, but here I turned and bolted. Stronger hearts than mine will have to brace themselves against his views on Stoicism.

It only remains to ask why Picador has published this drivel. Since it has swept Europe, rather like the Black Death, I suppose they want to make a public Death. they want to make a profit. But why do people buy it? There is no doubt it is a fascinating and important subject, and I suppose De Crescenzo's book looks like an undemanding entrée into it. After all, he worked for IBM before becoming a writer, journalist, script-writer, director, photog-rapher, and cartoonist. Doubtless these are the sorts of credentials revered by the people who bny (and commission) Picador's books (I long for the day when Picador boasts about its new book on IBM written by the Professor of Mycenaean Philology at Tubingen and world-authority on Behagel's Law of the Ascending Tri-colon). Poor old Socrates: stuffed again by someone who thinks he knows something, knowing nothing.

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THE ARTS

Art under the gun

* TELEVISION Sheridan Morley

Though not perhaps the most romantic of subjects for Valentine's Day, the two major documentaries on Channel 4 last night looked at societies in the crisis of

To expect adequate arts coverage of Belfast at the present time is perhaps as unrealistic as wondering why nobody ever made a really good documentary about fringe theatre groups in Saigon in 1968. But apart from the occasional forays, television does seem to have ignored Northern Ireland as any kind of cultural centre, and it was therefore both intelligent and timely of Signals to commission a local freelance video group to set up a kind of "0232 for Belfast".

Sadly, however, their pro-gramme, "Schizophrenic City", proved hopelessly introverted and confused, offering outsiders only the most occasional insights into the artistic nightmares of a city where even the murals get shot to smithereens by rival religious

The most persistent image, though one never properly ex-plored, was of a Disneyland where the tourist-attraction cowboys have been issued with real weapons. In there, somewhere, were the beginnings — but, alas, not the conclusions — of about three quite different documetaries concerning

art under the gun.

From the ritual traditions of Irish religious intolerance, far to the south of Belfast, have come some of the greatest dramatists of the century. But north of the border little seems to be going on that will live in international cultural history — though the war zone still deserves a closer look at its own graffiti than this selfalgently theatrical drift around

Earlier, the international documentary series Despatches dared to ask the question that seems to lurk unspoken behind the celebrations of perestroika. What if Gorbachov fails? What if the Soviet Union decides that too much power, too much territory, too much history, has been given away in the headlong rush towards the West?

Stalin's heirs are still out there mattering about the certainties and the securities of the god who could not fail, and a chilly roundup of the old guard left little doubt that the idea of a counter-revolutionary return to an infinitely tougher regime is not yet to be

Marching through Georgia is the ghost of old Joe himself, iding his successors that liberalization alone will not improve their economic or social lives. The local independence riots, in state after state, suggest a country in turmoil as never since 1917, and, as history has always proved in times of such social uurest, dictatorship looks appallingly seductive to those in search

Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, replies to the open letter from Simon Crine which appeared in The Times on Tuesday made it plain that the arts will best A trumpet for British achievements

Simon, we share the same aspiration - to see the full flowering of the arts in this country. Nobody should underestimate your contribution at the helm of the National Campaign for the Arts, in placing the arts firmly on the political agenda and in creating a balanced and constructive climate for the debate on arts funding. With your help the arts world is discovering that the reasoned approach gets

The arts world's old habits, of indulging in an extravaganza of insults and emotion, are fast dying - although the occasional twitch of the dinosaur's tail is still to be seen. I was a little disappointed, therefore, to see you use phrases from the early 1980s songbook which I thought we had outgrown. "Too little, too late" and "ir-

the best results.

responsibly underfunded" come tween central government, local government, the private sector from a libretto that is dated and and the arts bodies themselves.

divisive as well as lacking logic. With one breath you tell me £400 Before your departure let us share an imaginary helicopter trip million of taxpayer's money (acaround the country to look at a tually it is £500 million next year) does not go far, with the next you few of the good things happening. claim small sums of money will In London we have a subsidized

and commercial theatre which It is an argument which has no turns Americans green with envy. resolution. The Government has Birmingham is witnessing a new just announced an increase of 24 cultural dawn with the CBSO phenomenon under Simon Rattle per cent over the next three years and the imminent arrival of in public funding. This could not Sadler's Weils Ballet. Glasgow, on my recommendation, celebrates 1990 as the Cultural City of be a clearer signal of our commitment to the arts. The private sector has welcomed this and is responding. The way forward Europe. In Liverpool the Royal must be through partnership be-

the visual arts have been boosted by the Tate extension and the new National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside.
Throughout the country, the

number of arts festivals has doubled in five years. In the new British Library we have the largest cultural construction this century. The magnificent re-hanging of the Tate has invigorated that great institution, while I have found extra money to help the national museums and galleries ensure their fabric is in good shape by the end of the 1990s. That is not failure, that is success. The art we are best at in Britain is talking ourselves down. We need to put more rehearsal time into blowing our own trumpet.

This is not to ignore a range of problems which will need to be tackled from time to time. Each issue, whether the Royal Shakespeare Company or the English National Ballet, has to be dealt with on its merits and kept in perspective. The main aim must be to ensure the highest standards of excellence with the best possible access for all. With that in mind each arts organization has a reponsibility to cut its coat according to its cloth.

I agree with your views about artistic freedom. I have repeatedly

flourish in a climate of maximum freedom of expression and creativity within the laws of the land. Only this week I reaffirmed the Government's commitment to defend that freedom against the depiorable threat to Salman Rushdie. But the greatest safeguard for freedom of the arts comes from financial independence and self-reliance. The arts have made great strides in that direction .

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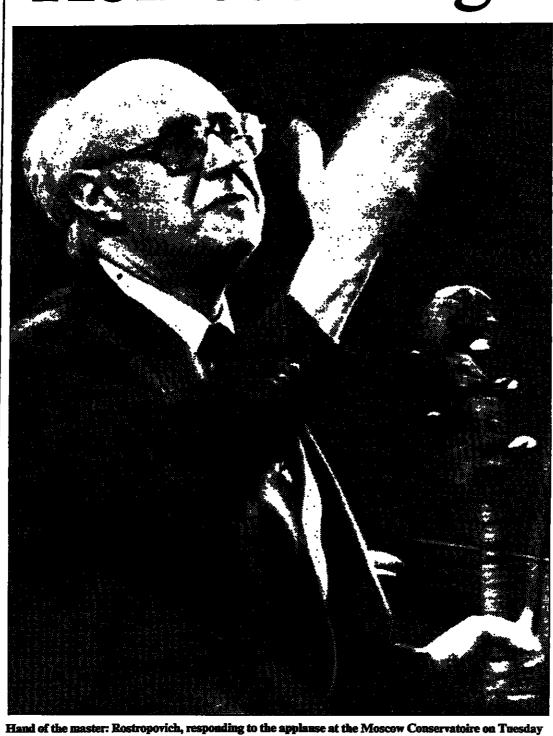
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Let me assure you, since you raised the question of arts structure, that I have no wish to change for change's sake. The arm's length policy must continue, but with a funding structure which is ready to cope with the new age coherent, clearly accountable and professional.

Homecoming of a living legend



soive all the problems.

vents of recent months have surely expunsed the word "unbelievable" from the East European vocabulary. But that was the only word one astonished diplomat could gasp in the packed Moscow Conservatoire on Tuesday, as he watched hundreds of Russians cheering, clapping and singing along with Mstislav Rostropovich, the National Symphony Orchestra of Washington DC, and their rousing rendition of Stars and Stripes Forever.

This Souza march was their fourth encore. They had played Tchaikovsky's Sixth, Shostakovich's Fifth, some Barber, some Grieg, more Shostakovich and a dollop of Prokofiev. But nobody wanted to go, such is the warmth that Rostropovich the conductor generates from the rostrom especially when he has come home to the Soviet Union after 16 years in exile.

This is the second major musical homecoming within three months. Last November Vladimir Ashkenazy broke 26 years of exile with a Royal Philharmonic concert in the same hall. That event was nearly ruined by an idiotic television team, but Soviet people have learnt to be patient folk. This time there were two crews, but one felt they were under pain of instant obliteration to remain discreet. They were. Also, possibly, because they had to work under the constant gaze of Raisa

The president's wife has been a prime mover in re-establishing Soviet links with its famous artists abroad. The Soviet Cultural Foundation, of which she is patron, has been responsible for bringing back Ashkenazy and Rostropovich. Her influence, along with that of the Culture Minister, the popular Russian actor-director Nikolai Gubenko, must also have been instrumental in last month's decision by the Soviet parliament to restore the citizenship of Rostropovich and his wife, the soprano Galina Vishnevskaya. Without that gesture they would not have come.

After 16 years in exile. Russia's

greatest living cellist

has returned home.

Nick Worrall reports

The four concerts in the NSO's Soviet tour, two in Moscow and two in Leningrad, are all conducted by Rostropovich, except when he is soloist in Dvorák's Cello Concerto. Included in the programmes are symphonies by the conductor's friends, Shostakovich and Prokofiev - and almost the first call Rostropovich made on his return was to the graveside of Shostakovich, who died shortly after the couple went into exile.

The tour has a strange set of sponsors. The half-million dollar cost has been met equally by the Armand Hammer Foundation, the United States Information Service, the J. F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, Procter and Gamble and the PepsiCo Foundation, which spends part of the vast profits from Pepsi-Cola. The glasses of flat soft drinks in the Conservatoire foyer were said to be Pepsi and they were eagerly sought after to wash down the sausage on dry bread that served for snacks. For some in the audience, that was probably dinner.

It is against this poverty that Rostropovich and Vishnevskaya railed in their news conference. "Our poor suffering people lost so many lives in the war and under Stalinism," said the cellist. "The only thing we wish the people now is happiness, their stomachs full, wanting nothing but music and joy from the arts."

In the box to the left of the stage on Tuesday sat Mrs Gorbachov with her visiting guest, Queen Sofia of Spain. In the box directly opposite was Ms Vishnevskaya, a stern-faced, dark-haired woman who has been far more critical of Soviet governments than her husband and whose outspoken autobiography, Galina, has yet to appear in Moscow's bookshops.

At Monday's news conference Rostropovich and Vishnevskaya described the stripping of their citizenship and all their artists' honours by the Brezhnev government in 1978 as "a barbarian act that was unworthy". It was clear that Vishnevskaya in particular will be slow to forgive, especially some of the principal artists and management at the Bolshoi Opera where, she said, she had given 22 years of her life, only to have them demand her husband should be expelled as "an enemy of the people".

"She's a proud woman and she feels deeply insulted," her hus-band said quietly. Rostropovich was in milder mood. He admitted that at their flat in Paris he receives all the progressive Soviet newspapers and even has a special antenna on the roof so he can watch the nightly Moscow television news programme Vremya. He thought it unlikely in the near future that he would take up residence again in the Soviet Union, but he blamed a packed musical schedule for that,

e used all his charm to dispel the charge that playing the cello at the Berlin Wall last year, as the border was being opened, had merely been a publicity stunt. "When I saw what was happening I knew I had to go there and play Bach," he said. "I knew that this was the most momentous event to take place in the world since 1945."

It is easy to see why Rostropovich, of all the Soviet Union's exiled artists, is so much loved here. His concerts for the earthquake victims of Armenia in 1988 were televised nationally, even though he was still officially a nonperson. And instead of taking fees for this current tour, he has had the money spent bringing in a million badly-needed disposable syringes for the anti-Aids campaign. Above all, he plays Russian music with a feeling of history and a feeling of hope, and the people

Rough diamond boldly wrought

Before this week Scottish Opera had never staged Verdi's Forza. But in taking the plunge, and it is quite a deep plunge because Forza productions before now have hit the bottom of the pool and not properly resurfaced, the company has been bold, resolute and just a little bit contrary.

The boldness comes in the casting. Young singers, mostly little known in this country, have been selected for their strength of voice and stamina to get through a four-hour evening. The resolution derives from director Elijah Moshinsky's effort to impose unity on one of the most rambling libretti ever submitted to Verdi; he is helped by subtitles, in use here for the first time. The contrariness lies in the decision by conductor John Mauceri to go back in the main to Verdi's first version. written for St Petersburg in 1862 (as he told Hilary Finch on this page last week), rather than the one polished - some would say popularized — for La Scala seven vears later.

First thoughts are interesting: it is a bonus to hear Alvaro's scena at the end of Act III before he has his first skirmish with Carlo. But

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second thoughts, in the case of composers of the calibre of Verdi

and Puccini, tend to be better. The

major losses come at the beginning, where the famous overture appetite-whetting music of the first order — is diminished to a mere prelude, and at the end where Alvaro commits suicide instead of letting Leonora ascend to God alone. A perfunctory close. So let boldness be praised, Scottish Opera having engaged an exciting Leonora in the quite sizeable shape of the young American soprano Andrea Gruber. Her voice soars off into the house, over-riding anything that the or-chestra can produce. And there is a remarkable top, soft when necessary - showing that this is not just a fortissimo soprano. There were echoes of Martina Arroyo, one of the best exponents of this role. As yet she is not opera's

greatest actress, but she managed a

very creditable change to the grey-haired Leonora of the last act who has little chance of keeping brother and lover from ripping one another apart on holy

She was matched by Vladimir Chernov, as Carlo, a Russian baritone who proved he really can sing - and declaim - the Italian repertoire. Chernov was spotted when the Kirov came to Covent Garden; he has presence and the ability to give Verdi the proper legato line. "Urna fatale" needed a little more polish in the middle, but the recitative and following cabaletta sounded as though they had been posted direct from Milan. His Kirov colleague, Alexander Morosov, did not carry this authenticity, but was a properly solemn and introspective

padre Guardiano. Stefano Algieri's Alvaro, hair scraped correctly back into a ponytail to make him look like the last of the Incas, had all too much vocal weight to carry in this version, especially in Act III. He responded by turning Alvaro into a heroic tenor rather than a lyric one and the results were too often strained. The British contingent, led by Della Jones, a blowzy and very available Preziosilla, and Nicholas Folwell's mole-like Melitone, stood up well to the foreign invasion.

Elijah Moshinsky places Forza somewhere around the time of its composition and is not too scrupulous about deciding who is fighting whom and why. Nor was Verdi. Ladies of the lamp come into the field hospital of Act III. but Miss Nightingale would have been horrified by the commerce. mainly of an unsavoury nature, going on within. He has joint success with the Scottish Opera chorus, in splendid form, and with the extrovert performances by his principals.

John Mauceri emphasizes the vigour and occasional rawness of Forza, pushing it back to early Verdi rather than letting it rest in the middle period. When the trumpets bray and the drums burst in to a rataplan he is happy. But the lyrical moments do not get much of a look in. Perhaps that was why he decided on the Petersburg version - or perhaps, with two Kirov singers on stage, courtesy allowed no option.

THEATRE Jeremy Kingston

Show Boat Stratford upon Avon

Two months into its tour, the Royal Shakespeare Company's coproduction with Opera North has reached the company's Stratford home - soon, possibly, its only home - with four of the alternative singers given the chance to show their voices at what is tantamount to a second premiere. The first, in Leeds last December. was welcomed on this page by Paul Griffiths, who noted Jerome Kern's achievement in fusing elements from operetta and musical comedy in a story that sprawls across three generations of a showbiz family.

As a unity the show is complete

by the Act II finale when Gaylord Ravenal, the classy river gambler, marries Magnolia. Only a wish to show the effect of Time, the everrolling river, extends the show beyond that joyful wedding day when the company sing one of the many reprises of the marvellous 'Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man", and the decks and balconies of the Cotton Blossom are bursting and bustling with singers.

In Act III the show runs out of

Mississippi musical

Poignant: Fiona Kimm as Julie La Verne, Mark Stewart as Steven Baker

theatrical ideas, though fortunately not musical invention. "Bill", poignantly sung by Fiona Kimm - and poignantly acted, which does not inevitably

audition piece. When Peter Savidge and Linda Kitchen (the handsome and assured Ravenal and a clear, neat Magnolia) sing "Why Do I Love You?" at the

soaring on the word "love", they are backed by a chorus of stranger who just happen to be passing and know the words.

that keeps on rolling By contrast, what is so special about the first two acts is the way this 1927 show, well ahead of its time, accounted for the presence of the dancing and singing chorus by making them fellow participants with the principals. Ian Judge's production integrates dance, song and speech in these early scenes to keep the show flowing, spaciously paced scenes alternating with snags of drama, like the unrolling river glimpsed beyond the fretted balustrades.

His touch deserts him in the final act, where Naughty Nineties, ragtime and the charleston dance past with only the obvious indications of the effects of time. Overriding these reservations, of course, come the irresistible songs, familiar from a thousand hearings on Radio 2, but gaining immeasurably in context.

Of the other two newcomers, in "Of Man River" Jose Garcia's superb breath control expresses in sound the great roll of the Mississippi. And when Ellia English's Queenic takes over a song or dance, or passionately pounds pastry in the boat's galley, it is thrilling to be a witness to her bouncing vitality and her smile like a slice of the moon.

Greed – a weakness of both rich and poor

When one of the women in Clare McIntyre's stimulating play says that greed should be recognized as "a major illness of our time", you might suppose she was uttering one of the older Royal Court truisms. Haven't our more socially conscious theatres spent much of the 1980s helplessly accusing the propertied and privileged of being cancers in the body

Indeed they have; but Mc-Intyre's point is rather different. The disease she diagnoses can be caught by the less well-off and mutate corrosively inside them. Whatever the economic rights and wrongs, she sees envy as greed too, and as damaging as avarice to what an earlier era would have called the individual soul.

into drama; her solution, to re-

nounce plot for a droll, offbeat but

far from dull revival of the Shav-

ian debate. On the flimsiest of ex-

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cuses, she has brought into a posh undecorated seaside flat characters who are perfectly well individualized, yet interest her largely for their conflicting attitudes towards property: non-consumer, conspicuous consumer, and, most importantly, jealous and rancorous would-be consumer.

Let me be specific. The flat belongs to Colin, whose relevance to the theme is that he is so ferociously busy getting rich that he hasn't the time to visit it or the play. But he has lent it to two acquaintances, a teacher called Hannah, and Chris, who has settled at nothing, least of all her

latest job, waiting at tables. Hannah, played in doughty,

chin-up style by Sylvestra le Touzel, is the non-consumer. She buys a cut-rate tent for her potholing boyfriend; but anything more upmarket seems to her mere encumbrance. She lives happily and simply enough; in fact, she is happy simply to live, since she may have multiple sclerosis.

Certainly, she makes quite a contrast with Colin's wife Tunis, played with blithe high-handedness by Anna Patrick. She arrives with chic curtains, only to explode in spoiled rage when they don't fit.

One of McIntyre's merits is that she resists the temptation simply to put the case for Hannah and against Tunis. But it is Chris who mainly matters to her. The rich obsess the woman. She fantasizes about them, mocks them, feels insulted and patronized by them, shoplifts the bric-a-brac they can afford, and, as she concedes without sense of contradiction. wants to be one of them.

Add a sense of impending doom, caused partly by a frightening encounter with a lout with an airgun, and partly by the selfpitying side of her paranoia; and you have a marvellous opportunity for Francis Barber to shrivel, glower, snarl, and generally look and sound archetypally embit-tered. Pale, and huddled beneath her woollies, she leaves you feelingher blood has iced up: as it has.

The play has its tricksy moments, notably the emergence through fridge and wall of bit players: Chris's gumman and a spectral "patron saint of heavy. burdens", who enjoins Christian resignation. That is McIntyre's somewhat cursory attempt to

bring religion into the debate. But her writing seems to me shrewd, humorous and caring, as. well as to-the-point. As Hannah says, whom does loathing the rick hurt most these days? Not the rich, that's for sure.

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A clash of ideals at the Archive

useums and free-marketeers make un-happy bedfellows. There is, it seems, a widening gap between the curators of national culture and the orators of enterprise culture, a stepping out of the way of the breach easily summed up as the division between the tradition of preservation and the new cult of exploitation.

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The latest battlefield in this clash between cash and culture looks to be the National Film Archive, the vast library of British and international film and television, which began collecting in the 1930s and is a role model for archives across the world.

For the time being, that is. The new director of the British Film Institute, Wilf Stevenson, has published plans that may threaten that status. He wants to see the various functions of the Archive and its staff classified under the same categories as those of staff in other departments of the Institute. All staff in one category will then be grouped together. For example, the cataloguing activities of the library will be combined with those of the archive and all other Institute cataloguing.

So the Archive will slip from its present autonomous arguments for obtaining more status within the Institute into just another list of jobs within scattered departments. The Archive's identity will be lost, and its authority as a centre of excellence and expertise will vanish.

"The whole logic [of Stevenson's plan seems to be to take by the Archive to milk its the abstract function of peo-collection for new funds ple's jobs and arrange them accordingly," complains an insider. "This shifting around may look attractive on a flow diagram, but it doesn't work when you are dealing with something as complex as film. It's based on the false idea that anybody can catalogue a film

without seeing it." Stevenson seems particularly determined to make his whether they have a job or mark with this broad restructuring, and has been described by one insider as attempting to "bulidoze" the plans through with little pre-consultation. This week he was unavailable for comment.

But the "bulldozer" did encounter one obstacle, in David Francis, the current curator of the Archive. Ironically, however, Francis has only proved an obstacle by buildozer. Curator of the Archive for 15 years, he has abruptly decided to take early

Stevenson quickly denied that this retirement had anything to do with his plans. Nevertheless, he has been forced to put all restructuring on hold until Francis leaves (in March) and a replacement is found. Insiders note that the advertisement for the job stresses marketing and administration skills above all

Stevenson's plan is all to do with increased access, greater streamlining and longer term profitability. But his idea of absorbing the Archive into various existing BFI departments would destroy its structure and even endanger its right to the title "Archive", according to the laws of the International Federation of Film Archives (of which it is a founder member).

Furthermore, some of the cash from the cultural cow by acquiring copyrights to films within the collection, betray a root misunderstanding of the way the Archive works. It does not actually own its collection. Prints of films are donated on permanent loan; any attempt would be sure to lead to abrupt withdrawals of prints by their real owners.

Of most concern, however, is the effect of this strategy on Institute morale. "Expertise just isn't wanted any more," claims one of Stevenson's sterner critics. "From the document Stevenson has circulated, people do not know not. They have been issued with flow diagrams that have all the job functions in little boxes, but there are no names attached to them."

Oscar Moore

Bawdy business

back on the beat

us in 1985, when he waded through Revolution as the fur trapper Tom Dobb, centuries away from home. After that, he shunned the silver screen and trod the boards. Richard Price's script for the highly-charged thriller Sea of Love (18, Cannon Shaftesbury Ave-

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nue) tempted him back. He is on solid ground as Frank Keller - a detective with 20 years' experience pounding the mean streets, divorced, lonely, in des-perate need of a battery re-charge. Enter Ellen Barkin — a spunky player finally getting her just deserts and acting opposite a major Hollywood star.

She swaggers into view in a red plastic jacket, hair dangling in a come-hither tease. Sparks fly at once. Alas for Pacino, Barkin is the prime suspect in his current investigation, a serial murder case. Love versus duty: audiences have a Geoff Brown

ringside scat of the action to come. We might have hoped for fresher material from Richard Price, accomplished writer of The Color of Money and the Scorsese episode in New York Stories. Yet the film still crackles with electricity. Pacino, on screen almost throughout, elo-quently expresses Keller's volatile mixture of trampled expectations and nervous hope. Barkin, in turn, gives concrete substance to her cardboard role as the mystery woman who meets her dates through the personal columns of

The director, Harold Becker, is a practised hand at gritty dramas, and extracts every possible drop of tension (from an early red herring encounter with Barkin's starting nistol to the killer's final unmask-

scenes in a determined effort to win an adult certificate, though the film's strengths lie outside the clinches in the general evocation of love, death and loneliness in a rough-and-tumble town.

Price's script excels in mordant remarks and sidelong bits of business take the constant man-talk between Keller and his married sidekick (played by burly John Goodman, from the TV comedy, Roseanne, now rising fast in the movies), or the sad comedy of the lonely hearts (Barkin among them) hared by Keller's phoney advertisement in a singles magazine.

The film is not perfect - contrivances and loopholes continnously poke through - but its energy and quirks finally win the day. If only the title were more alluring: "Sea of Love" may be the serial killer's favourite song, but it looks pretty limp on a cinema



Hard knocks, hard luck and Aki's hard-rocking head-cases

film Everybody's All-American — 2 us novel about a college footbail hero's struggle to survive outside his glory days. Taylor Hackford, an energetic director with the popular touch, finally managed it in 1988; now the film trails into Britain under the bland title, When I Fall In Love (15, Cannon Shaftes-

bury Avenue). Dennis Quaid is the football champ whose marriage to the college Magnolia Queen (Jessica Lange) seems made in heaven. Once the All-American turns professional, hard knocks intrude. A business venture fails; injuries mount. Quaid frets in retirement, while Lange transforms herself from Southern belle and mother of three to dynamic career woman. Along the way, Kennedy is shot, the civil rights movement takes hold, and Timothy Hutton dances attendance in a fruitless part, progressing from starstruck youth to bearded historian. The leading players are attractive; football scenes bear the stamp of reality, and Hackford's brisk direction drives the film forward. But to what end? As the years advance, the atmosphere grows increasingly synthetic; one starts to fear more for the players' make-up than the characters' tussles with fate. Jessica Lauge fans should be pleased, however: in 30-plus years, she hardly ages a jot. Summer Vacation 1999 (15, ICA Cinema) wafts as into the future for an impressive Japanese reverie

about adolescent mysteries. The director, Shusuke Kaneko, displays a measured, lyrical style that gives little inkling of his four-year apprenticeship in soft-core pornography. For reasons unknown, three teenage boys spend the sum-mer in their deserted boarding school, musing over the fate of a fourth, who seems to have drowned. They muse even more when a perky new papil arrives, with the looks of the deceased.

The puzzle is never properly solved, but Kaneko has a high time pondering the fires of youth, and the bonds between love and death. He is beined by an extraordinary cast: the boys are played by teenage girls partly in response to Japanese theatrical traditions, mostly to shake off surface reality and penetrate the depths of innocence. Kaneko's subtlety extends to his futuristic setting: a few bizarre computers and hi-fi equipment are enough to fix this haunting story in a dream world all its own.

Cinema's magic carpet continues its travels in Leningrad Cowboys Go America (12, Renoir). We begin in the Lapland tundra, where a pop group faces extinction through the freezing weather and their own dismal music. We hop to America where, after adventures en route, the band reach their sole booking - a

wedding in Mexico - and land a place in the Mexican Top Ten.

This laidback musical burlesque is the work of Aki Kaurismaki, the caustic jester of Finnish cin best-known for Ariel (a far bleaker variation on the road movie genre). At first the absurdity amuse beginning with the band's appearance, all jutting forks of black hair and elongated shoes. But the film's clash of pop cultures never generates enough satirical heat to gine the random escapades.

Onwards now to the banks of a Yugoslav river, where Tom Conti, our lifeguard hero, potters about scattering North Country vowels, the urchins talk Cockney, and the burly fisherman sounds like Rod Steiger (indeed, he is). This is the world of That Summer of White Roses (15, Cannon Haymarket), an artificial wartime drama filmed on location (with over-enthusiastic sound effects from the post-production boys at Twickenham). Conti's simple life is complicated when he shelters a Partisan wife (Susan George) and hauls a Wehrmacht big-wig from the river. Jiri Menzel might once have conjured a deft film from this story of an idyll disturbed; the Yugoslav director Rajko Grlic, backed by Simon MacCorkindale and Susan George's production company, can only cook up a flavouriess pottage.

Finally to Canada and Francis Mankiewicz's thoroughly exasperating The Revolving Doors (U, Cannon Premiere), which leafs through the diaries of a woman musician's tife – from early days as a silent movie accompanist to a staltifying marriage and lonely ivory-tinking in a New York jazz club. The bland, simplistic tone and flashback structure stifle any life the material might have generated. The luckless cast include Monique Spaziani and Miou-Miou.

A weekly selection of films recently released on video. The year refers to the date of first release, or in the case of television films, of first

BLOOD AND SAND (CBS/Fox, PG): And both in Oscar winning Technicolor, Turgid, but opulent, melodrama, with Tyrone Power as the matador vho falls for an aristocratic temptress (Rita Hayworth). Rouben Mamoulian directs.

THE 'BURBS (CIC, PG): Engaging, comic stice of suburban paranola from Gremtins director Joe Dante, with Tom Hanks, Bruce Dem and Rick Ducommun, as suburbanites obsessed with their strange new neighbours. 1989.

DEALERS (MGM/UA,15): Flashy direction by Colin Bucksey cannot obscure the bathos of this cautionary tale set in the London financial world. With Paul McGann as the yuppie high-flyer and

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Rebecca DeMornay as the American whizzkid brought in to troubled City bank. 1989.

THE GIRL CAN'T HELP IT (CBS/Fox, U): Endearing sattre on rock 'n' roll, the PR business, and Jayne Mansfield's anatomy. Writer-director Frank Tashlin stretches some things too far, yet still finds room for 17 numbers from Little Richard, Gene Vincent, and assorted legends, 1956.

THE GREENAWAY COLLECTION (Palace): Three collection (Palace): Three of Peter Greenaway's earlier films: the deeply irritating A Zed and Two Noughts—grief, amputation and decay at Rotterdam Zoo (1985, 15); The Belly of an Architect (1987, 15), with Brian Dennehy as the American in Rome, plagued by doubts and cramps; and the by doubts and cramps; and the

black, English pastorale, Drowning By Numbers (1988, 18), awash with riddles.

LAURA (CBS/Fox, U): Detective, Dana Andrews, Investigates a murder that might not exist, Clifton Webb spouts cynical bon mots, and the Hollywood thriller suddenly becomes adult. Lithe direction by Otto Preminger; a milestone in the genre. 1944.

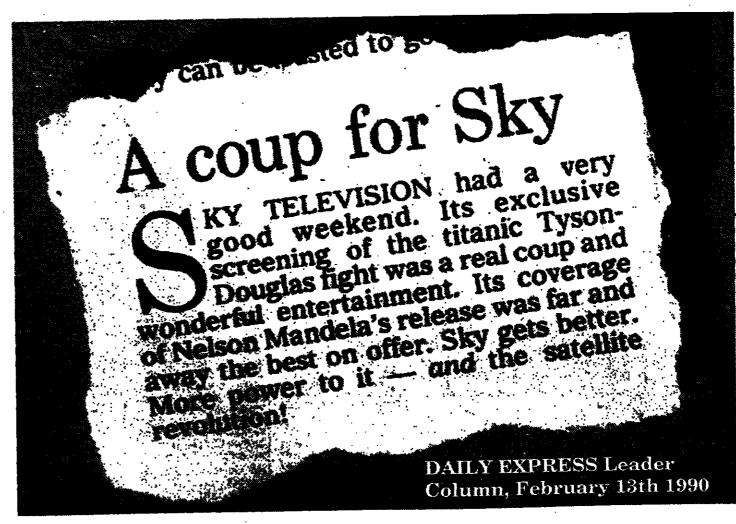
RESURRECTED (Castle, Powerful look at the after effects of the Falklands war on a returning soldier and his family. Written by Martin Allen; a solid first feature by

director Paul Greengrass.

THREE FUGITIVES (Buena Vista, 15):
Dawdling, sentimental farce, with Nick Noite and Martin Short as the gruff ex-con and neophyte bank robber yoked together by the fate of an autistic child.

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OUT OF TOWN

BERMINGHAM: * Summer of the Seventeenth Doll: All-Australian cast in revival of Ray Lawler's summer of crists

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HULL: A Richard III: Great Eastern Stage tour northern counties with an all-male cast of six lead by Jonathan Oliver as the crowned fland. Spring Street Theatre, Spring Street (0482 23638). Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, 24.25.

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Thomdike Theatre, Church Street (0372 377677), Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat 8pm, £5-£9.

FILMS

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BACK TO THE FUTURE I! (PG):

Enjoyably antic but over-ingenious sequel to the 1985 hit, with Michael J.

Fox and Christopher Lloyd zipping to-and-fro through the time spectrum; directed as before by Robert Zemeckis

(108 mm). Empire (01-437 1234). Proge 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45. Late Fn, Sat 11.15.

E BLACK RAIN (18): Crime story by director Ridley Scotl about a hardbolk New York cop (Michael Douglas)

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THE DELINQUENTS (12): A routine story of defiant teenagers in the Fifties with Kylie Minogue (90 mm). Cannon Oxtord St. (01-636 0310). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.56, 8.30.

2 Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05.

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★ ANYTHING GOES: Elsine Palge getting a lock out of Cole Porter's hit musical: shipboard romance, intrigue

and "You're the Top".

Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton
St, W1 (01-734 8951). Tube: Laicester
Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mats
Thurs and Sat 2.30-4.45pm, £9-£22. (D)

ANOTHER TIME: Albert Finney and Janet Suzman in fuzzy play about South African whites and a genius plants.
African whites and a genius plants.
Wynothem's Theatre, Charing Cross Rd,
WC2 (01-867 1116). Tube: Leicester Sq.
Mon-Set 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Set
4pm, £6-£16.

☆ BLOOD BROTHERS: Willy Russell's ↑2 BLCCOD SHOT INENEX Willy Flusses a sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kikir Dee as their mother. Albery Theetre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, 26.90-218.50. (0)

A BUDDY: Musical play on the life of the great, late Buddy Holly catches the sound and spirit of those far off days. Victoria Palace Theatre, Victoria St, SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Thurs 8.00pm, Fri. Sat 8.30pm. Mats Fri, Sat 5.30pm, £7-£18.50. Fri mat half

☆ THE CHERRY ORCHARD: Judi Dench heads an outstanding cast in major production by Sam Mendes.
Aldwych Theatre, Aldwych WC2 (01-836 6404). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7:30-10pm, Sat 8-10:30pm, mat Sat 4-8:30pm. 25:50-216:50.

★ CONTEMPORARY NOH: Triple-bill made up of a 14th-century Noh play, a Kyogen comic interlude and Beckett collage drawn from Waiting for Godot and other pieces, with the author's consent. Theatre Museum, Russell St, W1 (01-

Wilde looks back on his life in Donald Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Ava, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube:

int. Mon-Sat 8pm, 25-£15. (D) ★ HANGOVER SQUARE: Adaptation of Patrick Hamilton's macabre thriller set on the eve of the Second World War, with two actresses playing the role of the herome. Lyric Studio Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm, £6.

★ THE LIAR: Jonathan Miller's spirited production of the sparky Come comedy: Alex Jennings marvellous as the shyster hero and Desmond Barrit as his incredulous servant. no recounces servant. Old Vic Theetre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo, Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £7-£15.

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9 The Greek Key, Colin Forbes 10 A Thief in the Night, John Cornwell

☆ LONDON ASSURANCE: Paul Eddington en amustng egelng beau, with Angela Thorne in otherwise so-so

NON-FICTION

An early taste of spring



Britain's only forced flower show opens today, organized by Springfield Gardens, the Lincolnshire group whose name is, for many people, synonymous with spring itself. The process of forcing bulbs in this country started in the 1930s, when there was no competition from imported flowers. Discontinued in the 1960s, it was revived in the 1970s by Springfield which, for the past 12 years, has held this annual exhibition of the best of British early blooms. During mid-February, many boxes of tulip and daffodil bulbs are kept back, given increased beat to help the production of colourful buds, and then taken to the flower hall in Spalding where the contents are arranged in land-

and Denny Glover as the psychopathic cop and side-kick pursuing drug-smuggling diplomats Directed as before by Richard Donner (113 min) 8 Warner Wast End (01-439 0791).

Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

NEW YORK STORIES (15): Uneven

trilogy from three major directors: abrasive drama from Martin Scorse

abrasive drama from Martin Scorsese; tootling whimsy trom Francis Coppola; delicous laughter from Woody Allen, playing a repressed attorney whose negging mother mysteriously vanishes (125 min).

& Warner West End (01-439 0791).

Progs 2.50, 5.35, 8.20.

& Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 1.46, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15.

SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Warm-

hearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering

romance (109 min). Securing rediscovering romance (109 min). Securing Fullium Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2 10, 6 10, 9 20. Plaza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PGI: Dawdling but handsome version of Robert Harling's play about the camaradene of Southern women, gathered together in a beauty partour. With Sally Field, Oolly Parton and Shirtey MacLaine. Directed by

Cennon Chelses (01-352 7697). Progs 12.10, 2.55. 5.40, 8.25. **Cannon Chelses** (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.15, 6.55, 9.25.

Predictable cop-and-dog entics given some charm by Tom Hanks as the

polica investigator (90 mm). Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs

ROCK

lookalikes slavishly devoted to the Rod Stewart/Faces blueprint as exemplified by the hits "7 O'clock" and "Hey You" The formuta is proving phenomenally popular and only Ptal Collins prevented

Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12-50, 3-30, 6-10.

☆ THE QUIREBOYS: Five Keef

TURNER AND HOOCH (PG):

1.45, 4.10, 7.10, 9.40.

and Shirley Mar Herbert Ross.

scaped beds set among pools, walkways, flowering trees and shrubs. Masses of crocuses, snowdrops, freesias and iris are also used to enhance the displays. There is also a flower competition with four classes All the exhibits are supplied by British grower working within radius 50 miles of Spalding. Exports of dry bulbs and cut flowers exceed £2 million a year and the latest market to be exploited is the United States, where, according to Peter Atkinson, general manager at Springfield Gardens, "fresh cut English daffodils are very much appreciated". Auction Hall, Winfrey Avenue, Spalding, Lincolnshire, until Sunday. Information: 0775 724843. Judy Froshaug

their album, A Bit of What you Fancy from reaching No.1.
Tivol., Brunswick Road, Buckley (0244 550782), 7pm, £6-£7.

* DEL AMITTRI: After testering on the brink of success for so long, the Glaswegian tour-piece fronted by Justin Currie has deservedly breached the Top 20 with "Nothing Ever Happens", lifted from their estimable album, Waking Hours. University of London Union, Malet 101-323 5481) Street, London WC1 (01-323 5481), 7.30pm, £5.

* IAN HUNTER/MICK RONSON: Ex-Most The Hoopie frontman and his long-time buddy, the ex-Spider From Mars guitarist, lay on a zestful, forward-looking show which confirms an

ng commitment to intelligent, ardened rock'n roll. ened rock'n'roll. Octagon, Western Bank, Sheffield (0742 753300), 7.30pm, £8.50. whose new album, A Gilded Eternity, is an utterly formless assemblage of on usery terminess assemblage of enclassity repeated, grungy guitar riffs. They are so besomed by fuzzboxes that even their drummer has got one.

Brunel University, Kingston Lane, Uxbridge (0895 33735), 8pm-midnight, es

JAZZ:

★ ART FARMER: The mellifluous University College School, Frognal, London NW3 (01-435 2215), 7.45pm, 25

☆ IRENE REID: Blues and bonhomle from the rousing ex-Basie singer, backed by the trio of organist Mike Cart. The support slot is occupied by the Danish band, Page One.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £10

ibers 22). To Sat 24. ☆ HOWARD RILEY: Potentially the inghilight of the week-long residency, as the improvising planest is formed by bassist Meno Castronan and drummer

Vortez Jazz Bar. 139 Stoke Newington

OPERA * PRINCE IGOR: Andrei Serban's new

w PRINCE IGORS Andres Serban's New and surprisingly unspectacular production for the Royal Opera is nevertheless curstandingly sung by a largely Russian and Eastern European cast, conducted with conviction by Bernerd Haitnik.

Covers Garden, London, WC2 (01-240 1066), 6.30-11pm, 24-290.

Church St, London N16 (01-254 6516), 8.30pm, £3.

☆ JONATHAN GEE: A bright, inventive

planist, focussing on original compositions with the help of Duncan Alien (bass) and Winston Clifford

Four Bars Inn, Castle St, Cardiff (0222

☆ TOMMY CHASE: The veteran drummer's quartet provides Blue Note-

The Dorset Room, Poole Arts Centre, Kingland Road (0202 685222), 8pm, £4.

374962), 8.30pm, £3.

brand hard bop.

 DER FREISCHÜTZ: At the start of their spring season, Weish National Opera present a revvei of their dark Weber production by André Engel, now conducted by Peter Hirsch. New Theatre, Cardiff, (0222 394844), 7.15-10pm, £7.50-£26.50.

☆ DON PASCALE: New production by Peter Knapp for his Travelling Opera, with Alan Watt in the title role. 892277), 8-10.30pm, £5-£8

GALLERIES

SALLY HEYWOOD: New paintings by at the youngest ever to have a work purchased by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Paton Gallery, 2 Langley Court, London WC2 (01-379 7854), Tues-Sat 11-6pm, tree, until March 3.

MASTERPIECES OF EUROPEAN GRAPHIC DESIGN 1914-1920: Striking war posters. Impensi War Museum, Lambeth Road.

London SE1 (01-735 8922), Daily 10-JOHN JENSEN'S SHOWBIZ:

Cencatures by a *Punch* carnoonist. Chris Beedles Gallery, 10 Ryder Street, London SW1 (01-839 7551), Daily 10am-5.30pm, free, until March 2.

NEADS ON PAPER: Works by, among others, Bonnard, Joan Eardley and Scottle Wilson.

Miercury Gaflery, 26 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 7800), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Set 10-12.30pm, free, and the state of 10

IN YELLOW: An installation by Jaroslav Kozlowski, Matra Gallery, 10 Martello Street, London EB (01-249 3799), Wed-Sun 12-Spm, free, until March 4.

ROGER ACKLING: Simple, striking works, fike abstract icons, in which symmetrical patterns are burnt on to driftwood using a magnifying glass.

Annely Juda Fine Art, 11 Tottenham Mews, London W1 (01-837 551), Mon-Et 10-5mp. Set 10-1mm tree until Fri 10-6pm, Set 10-1pm, tree, until

ARSHILE GORKY (1904-1498): A career survey of a key abstract parner in the development of American art. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107), Tues-Sun 11-5pm, £3, until March 25.

DANCE

* CAPRICIEUSE: Roxenne Hullmand from Bergum in a new solo based on Pagenni's music for solo violin. ICA Theatra, The Mall, London SWI (01-930 3647), 8pm, £5.60-£6.60. ☆ GERMS: Yolande Snaith with Kathy Crick in an unserious look at Victorian

Third Eye Centre, Glasgow (041 332-7521), 7.30pm, £2.50 and £3.50. ☆ LA TRAVIATA: Andre Prokovsky's to La The Visit of the Research of the Select.

Key Theetre, Peterborough (0733 52439), mat 2.30pm, £7 and eve 7.30pm,

CONCERTS

 4 SONATAS: A solid programme from Mark Lubotsky with Schumann's Violin Sonate Op 105, Bratim's Sonate Op 108, Janaček's Sonate and Szymanowski's Sonate Op 9, The penist is Ralf Gothoni.

 5 Lebels South South Control SW1 (Machine SW1) St John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £4-£6.

 ★ HARRELL/BRITTENE Besides playing Bach's Cello Suite BWV 1008 by himself, Lynn Harrell joins the Britten Quartet for C major quintets by Schubert and Bocchenni. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St. London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £4.50-£9.

★ FRETWORK: The Fretwork Consort of Viols interpret many works by Purcell and Lawes, some with Paul Nicholson (organ). Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8.00-10.05pm, £4-£7.

★ OGDON MEMORIAL: See picture, below. Berbices Centre, Silk St. London EC2 (01-638 6691), 7.45-9.30pm, £7.50-220.



Since his death last August many tributes have been paid to the phenomenal gifts of John Ogdon (above), but tonight's at the Barbican Centre in aid of The Samaritans Worldwide (see listing) should be particularly nota-ble. Several planists are taking part, including Moura Lympany, Peter Donohoe and Gordon Fergus-Thompson. They will hare between them such pieces as Liszt's *Jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Es*te, Chopin's Scherzo No 3 and, with the BBC Concert Orchestra under

Sir Charles Groves, Liszt's Piano Concerto No 1 and Rachmaninov's

WALKS.

LEGAL LONDON: INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: Meet Temple tube, 10.30em, £3.50 (01-937 4281). SECRET INTERIORS OF THE ANCIENT CITY: Meet Manson House tube, 11am, 23.50 (01-937 4281).

SHERLOCK HOLMES: Meet Baker Street tube, 2.30pm, £3.50. ANCIENT INNS AND TAVERNS OF DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet Temple tube, 7pm, £3.50 (01-937 4281).

A WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF

TALKS

SURROGACY AND THE RIGHTS OF MOTHERMOOD: Mary Beth Whitehead and Phylis Chesier discuss the ethical issues surrounding motherhood. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930) 1493), 7.30pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

FIRST BATH DECORATIVE ANTIQUES FAIR: More than 30 dealers from the Bath and Bradford-on-Avon Antique sociation plus other loca desiers set a variety of antiques, all vetted for authenticity. Refreshments and licensed bar. The Pavilion, Bath. Today, tomorrow 11am-8pm, Saturday 11am-6pm. Admission £3.

RIVERSIDE OPEN EXHIBITION: Mychistic Oren Exhibition: Selection of works by artists working in nine west London boroughs, including sculptures, photographs and videos. Riverside Studios, Chsp Roed, London WB, Until March 11, Tues-Sat 1-apm. Admission free.

JAME JOHNSON'S OUR GARDEN
YEAR: Exhibition of original diustrations
from the book of the same name.
Chris Beetles, 10 Ryder Street, London
SW1. Until March 2, delty 10am-5.30pm. MUSEUM WORKSHOP: Today's topic -

Flome Entertainment — an opportunity to learn more about the evolution and design of the gramophone, radio and television. Museum of London, London Walt, London EC2 (01-800 3699). 1.10pm.

THE LONDON IRISH ARTS FESTIVAL: wents and schools programmes. Wilesden Green Library Centre, Wilesden Green Library Centre, Wilesden High Road, London NW10-umil Sun, then other venues. Festival Office (01-459 7313). Until March 18.

BOOKINGS FIRST CHANCE

PORUM THEATRE: Spring season includes John Godber's Up 'N' Under, Alan Ayckbourn's Joking Apart, and Ted Titler's Count Dracule. Forum Theatre, Civic Centre,

HARRY BLECH GALA CONCERT: Biech conducting this 80th birthday by conducting programme of Rissini, Mozart and Beethoven, in aid of London Mozart Players, March 1. Berbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

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Babel adapted by Christopher Hampton,
The Theatncal Illusion by Pierre
Comeille, The Show-Off by George
Kelly, The Park by Botho Strauss, and A Midsummer Night's Dream, Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7615).

LAST CHANCE

ANGELA FLOWERS GALLERY. 1990: retrospectively, with new work by 27 of the gallery's ertists. Works for sale. Ends Sun. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF BANGLADESH: Photos by school teacher, Hilary Burt. Ends Mon. Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair, Jazze Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival: Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Penny Osbora; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 22 DANDY DINMONT (b) "A tail, stout, country-looking man, in a large jockey greatcoat" from Gay Mannering. The short-legged Border terrier is named after him.

OLD MORTALITY (a) Robert Paterson lived from 1715 to 1801, and spent 40 years travelling through Scotland, chiselling and renovating the monu-ments of the Covenanters. Scott claimed to have meet him in the churchyard of

Dennotter. Old Mortality is about Bloody Clavers. CAPTAIN DALGETY (b) Ritt-master Dugald Dalgety of Dramthwacket, forced into mercenary service on the Continent, returned to join Montrose: A Legand of Montrose.

MALACHI MALAGROWTHER (c) A pseudonym used by Scott himself in his only political writing in February and March 1826. His pamphiet caused the Govern-ment to change its mind and drop the idea of issuing Scottish bank notes.

WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

on door.



This position is from the game Vasiukov (White) and Pribyl (Black), Hungary 1977, White has a verv active position and the black king is stuck in the centre. Can you see how White can exploit these factors? Solution in

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TELEVISION CHOICE

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• It is Malcolm Bradbury's turn to survey the 1980s in Notes in the Margin (BBC2, 8.20pm). His theme is the response of "liberal" novelists and dramatists to the decade of Mrs Thatcher and he calls as witnesses such repre-sentative figures as Martin Amis, David Lodge, David Hare, Margaret Drabble and himself. The result is that, unlike other programmes in the series, we have not a single voice but a multiplicity of views, not always coinciding. And the conclusions are sometimes contradictory. Some writers tried to meet Thatcherism head on with fictions in which hero-villains worked their way



Malcolm Bradbury: believes writers show what society is up to (BBC2, 8.20pm)

through the ideology of the enterprise culture. There was no lack of dissident dramas, from Boys From the Blackstuff and Tumbledown to the antics of the those low-life entrepreneurs, Del Boy and Arthur Daley. But David Hare reckons that agitprop was in retreat and acclaims Boys From the Blackstuff as "the only successful piece of socially enraged writing". But there were other strands, the retreat to nostalgia as represented by Brideshead Revisited and, as the decade wore on, an increasing fascination with money as (in Bradbury's felicitous phrase) "the dealing room replaced the country house as the great location". Reluctant to press his own views, Bradbury even introduces a measure of balance in the shape of the Thatcherite historian Norman Stone. While everyone else says, more or less, that the 1980s were jingoistic, uncaring and money-mad, Stone declares that it was the best decade for Britain since 1945. Moreover he rebuts Bradbury's view that writers provide an accurate guide to what society is up to. • To ensure topicality, but precluding the previewer's privileged peep. Ben

Elton - the Man From Auntie (BBCi. 9.30pm) is being recorded only 24 hours before transmission. I will recommend it all the same. As scriptwriter for Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson, and company (The Young Ones, Filthy Rich and Carflap), Elton has seemed merely crude and obvious. Nor did I find Blackadder, which he wrote with Richard Curtis, as hilarious as many others did. But as a stand-up comic - his role in this series -

BBC 1

8.00 Coefax.
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Ascholas Witchell and Jill Dando. Includes regular news headlines; business reports; sports news; regional news; weather and travel information; plus a look at the morning newspapers with Paul Calian 8.55 Regional news and weather

Name and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on

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9.20 Kikrey. Robert Kikrey-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject

10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)

10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays (r) 10.50 Roobarb (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Barrie Ingham with a

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11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Hoping to make an appearance is Barry Manilow, taking time off from his Broadway tour, and there is the first of two location reports from the bucoilc soap Emmerdale
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Andy Craig begins Drive for Life, the first in an eightpart survivors' guide to the road; and there is a report from the Family of the Year Awards 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk, Weather

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Neighbours, it finally seems as if
Henry and Bronwyn have found the
love they have both been looking
for, while Des is worried he won't
know how to handle a visitor at

the Clarke House. (Ceetad)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly with another round of the European general knowledge quits show.

2.15 Film: Champion (1949, b/w) starring Kirk Douglas and Arthur Kennedy. Two brothers arrive in New York, and one of them is determined to overcome their determined to overcome the poverty and hardship and become a top boxer no matter what the cost. Directed by Mark Robson

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3.50 Charlie Chalk (r) 4.06

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A new comedy series starring
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6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Anthea Turner. (Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 1)
EastEnders. Pete and Pauline hold a family conference to try and dissuade Michelle from going away with Danny, and Sharon notices that Wicksy is showing more than a friendly concern for baby Steven. (Ceefax)

8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a 8.00 Tomorrow's World includes a report on the city of New York's corroding bridges, an up-date on the "mad cow" disease, BSE, and a look at how the Norfolk Broads are battling with the growth of algae caused by the vast amounts of waste poured into the river.

8.30 May to December, in the final episode in the present series, Zoe's absence is reflected in Alec's moods at work. Starring Anton

moods at work. Starring Anton Rodgers and Eve Matheson. (Ceetax) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael
Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 Ben Ellon — The Man from Auntie
(see Choice)
10.00 Crimewatch. Sue Cook and Nick
Ross hope to help solve more crimingly silve the case of the chocker.

including the case of the shooting in October of a man from Shirley, Southampton. Was his murder connected to his antique and turniture business deals, and who was the man seen arguing with him in his shop on the night of the

murder? (Ceefax)

10.45 Question Time. Peter Sissons is joined by Margaret Bedentt, Labour's Treasury spokesmen, Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, Dr Madsen Pirie, president of the Adam Smith-Institute, and Nina quickness of wit, an awesomely rapid delivery and the ability to provide a concerned insight into issues of the day.

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Tample, secretary of the Communist Party of Great Britain 11.45 Crimowatch Update, (Ceefax)

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6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by Mike Morns and Lorraine Keity. With news at 6.30, 7.60, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes Claire Rayner's with advice on emotional inchidens

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9.25 Lucky Ladders. Word association
game hosted by Lennie Bennett
9.55 Themes News and weather

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Topical discussion series chaired by Mike Scott
10.40 This Morming. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's adition includes items on problems facing the over-sixties; advice on the contraceptive pill; and helping children learn to read. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 tollowed by national weather 12.10 The Riddlers. For the young 12.30 Home and Away. Morag has some information about Fisher that could help Nicholas and Carly is shocked to discover the identity of her counsellor.

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1.30 Wish You Were Hers...? (r). (Oracle) 2.00 A Country Practice. Cookie's wife is admitted to the Wandin Valley hospital, needing an emergency operation, but Cookie himself is nowhere to be found. On a happier note, Matron Stoan receives a proposal of marriage
3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Game show hosted by Danny Baker 3.25
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5.10 Blockbusters
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6.50 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with news of the work of the Apex Trust for ex-prisoners
7.00 Emmendale. Jack learns he is to

be fined for polluting the water system with stury. Meanwhile, Sarah is planning a quiet dinner with her boss from which Jack is banned, but things do not go as expected because baby Robert gets sick and Jack needs a hand with

a pregnant cow Science Fiction: Spycatcher. This first of a new series investigates how Berkeley astronomer Clifford Stoll uncovered a computer hacker paid by East Germany to break into the American Star Wars program
The Bit: Something to Hide. Tosh investigates the theft of an emeralding which leads him through a suspicious antique shop to a father-

and-son team of petty crooks. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: Irradiation — Food For Thought. A documentary on irradiation of food revealing that there are no known ways of detecting this controversial treatment in fooder iffs. hodstuffs

9.00 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The Final Problem. Holmes Holmes: The Final Problem. Holmes confronts Moriarty at the edge of the Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland. Starring Jeremy Brett and Eric Porter (r). (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Fiona Armstrong 10.30 Themes News and weather

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experts

1.00 Superstars of Wrestling

2.00 News headines followed by
Hollywood Wives, Episode two of the
mini-series based on Jackie main-series based on Jackee Collins's pot-boiler and the cream of Hollywood society are preparing for the season's big event — Elaine Conti's party for her husband, Ross (r)

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10.10 The Late Show Special reports
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8.30 Film: Wish You Were Here (1987) starring Emily Lloyd and Torn Bell. The story of a rebellious teenager who takes delight in shocking family and friends in an English seaside town during the 1950s. Directed by David Leland
11.15 Sumo. Japanese wrestling series
11.45 Film: No Man's Land (1985) starring Hugues Quester and Myriam Mezieres. A group of small-time smugglars on the Swiss-Franch border become involved with drugs and snais. Directed by Alain Tarrier. (In French with English subtities). Ends at 1.40 are

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SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

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SKY MOVIES

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4.00 The Good, the Bad and
Huckleberry Hound: Animated film
6.00 Archer (1981): A teenager rides his
favourite horse, Archer, across Australia to
take part in a race in Melbourne
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Police Academy 5: Assignment
Miami Beach (1988): The police squad
becomes involved with a gang of jewel
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9.40 Projector: Movies on Sky
10.00 Soul Man (1986): To gain a
scholarship for Harvard University, a white
teenager pretends to be black
11.45 The Time Travellers (1964): A
doctor travels into the tuture to a postapocatyptic Earth
1.30ain A Death in California — Part
One (1985): True story about a woman who
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becomes involved with a psychopathic murderer. With Cheryl Ladd 4.00 Satisfaction (1988): Story of a female rock band's search for fame. With Justine Bateman. Ends at 5.30am

EUROSPORT

5.00am International Business Report
5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 DJ
Kat 8.30 Menu 9.00 Test Cricket:
England v The West Indies 11.00 North
American Indoor Tennis 1.00pm Boxing
3.00 Football 5.00 North American Indoor
Tennis 7.00 Mobil 1 Motorsports News 7.30 Basketball 9.00 Ford Snow Report 9.03 North American Indoor Tennis 11.00 Havoc (8) 12.00 Trax

6.00em Kristiane Backer 11.00
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1.00em Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Powersports 8.00 (ce Hockey 10.00 Golf 12.00 US COllege Basketball 1.15pm Ultimate Yacht Race 2.00 (ce Hockey 4.00 Spanish Soccer 6.00 Basketball 7.30 1990 Polo World 7.55 Football 10.00 Pro Bowlers 11.15 Argentina Football

LIFESTYLE

10.00cm Jake's Fitness Minute 10.01 Search for Tomorrow 10.30 Slim Cooking 10.50 Spain Spain Holiday 11.00 10.50 Spain Spain Floriday 11.00 Coffee Break 11.10 Edge of Night 11.35 Great American Gameshows 12.50pm Style File 12.55 Sally Jessy Raphael 1.50 The Rich Also Cry 2.40 Search for Tomorrow 3.05 Tea Break 3.10 Cinema 4.45 Great American Gameshows

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW FM Stareo are members on the half-hour from 5.30am until 4.30pm, then at 7.30, 6.30 and 10.00pm 5.00am Jakki Brambles 6.30 Simon Mayo 9-30 Simon Bates
12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45
Gary Davies 3-00 Steve Wright in
the Atternoon 5-30 News '90
6-00 Mark Goodier 7-90 Top of
the Pops (with BBC1) 7-30
Philip Schoffeld 8-30 John Peal
10.00 Nicky Camobell 12-00-10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00mm Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW News on the hour Headines **5.30cm**, **6.30**, 7.20, 8.30
4.00am Alex Lester 5.30
Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson
8.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
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Love 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Waity
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Country Music 9.05 Paul Jones
10.00 Pull the Other One!
10.30 The Houghton Weavers
11.05 Round Midnight
1.00am Nightride 3.00-4.00 A 7.30, 8.30

WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

6.35em Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Moming Concert: Berlioz (King Lear, Op 4: LSO under Colin Davis); Yaughan Williams (Three Williams (Three Shakespeare Songs: Choir of King's College, Cembridge under Willcocks)

Cambridge under Wilcocks)
7.39 News
7.36 Morning Concert (cont):
Albinoni (Oboe Concerto in
B flat: Pro Arts Orchestra
under Berbirolli, with Evelyn
Rothwell, oboe); Schumann
(Märchenerzählungen:
Gervase de Peyer, clarinet,
Cecil Aronovitz, viola,
Lamar Crowson, plano);
Haydn (Symphony No 81 in
G: Philharmonia Hungerica
under Antai Dorati)
8.30 News 8.30 News

8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Weekc
Shostakovich —
Propagandisti Ceremonial
March (USSR Defance
Ministry Bend under Nikolai
Sergeyev): Battle on the
Voiga (Moscow Radio Choir
and SO under Yuri
Silamiyev): Symphony No
12, 1917 (USSR Ministry of
Culture SO under Gennady
Rozhdestvensky)

9.35 Obce and Plano: John Anderson, obce, Richard Num, plano, performs
Frank Martin (Petite pièce);
Welsmann (Variations on an
Original Theme); Dorati (Five
Pieces for solo oboe);
Schumann (Arabeske, for piano; Three Romances) (r) 10.25 This Work Will Make Me Famous: Musica Antique of Cologne under Reinhard Goebei performs Telemann (Overture in E minor, Part 1 Uttofskrushin)

"Tatemusk")
11.00 Stephen Hough: The planist performs Mendelssohn (Four Songs without Words: in F sharp minor, Op 30 No 6 "Venezianisches Gordelled": In A. Op 102 No 5 "Kinderstück": In F sharp minor. Op 67 No 2; In E. Op 19 No 1): Ben Weber Fenezia Veriations. Op 25. ns. Op 25, (Fantasia-Vanations, Up 1947); Chopin, arr Liszt Trois Chants polonais:
Meine Freuden; Frühling;
Mädchens Wursch) (/)
11.35 BBC Stottish SO under
Takuo Yussa performs
David Dorward (Golden City); Schumann (Cello

(Symphony No 1)
1.00pm News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime Concert: Live from Studio 1. Loricert: Live from Studio 1. Israel Piano Trio performs Beethoven (Piano Trio in B flat, WoO 39: Pleno Trio in B flat, Op 97 "Archduke")

Concerto); Brahi

2.90 Northern Sinfonia under Ivan Fischer performs Mozart (Selection of German Dances and Control Control of Control

Contredunces); Stravinsky (Concerto in D); Haydn (Symphony No 101 in D "Clock") (r)

Circk") (f)
3.00 Wolf: Elly Ameling, soprano,
Ruud van der Meer,
baritone, Rudolf Jansen,
plano, perform Italian Song
Book (f)
4.25 Britten Verlations: Purcell,
ed Britten (Chacony in G
minor, tor strings: English
Chamber Orchestra under
Benjamin Britten); Britten
(Diversions for plano, left
hand, and orchestra, Op 21:
LSO under the composer,
with Julius Katchan, plano)
5.00 Music for Guitar: From the
1987 Esztargom 1987 Esztergom International Gulter Festival International Guitar Fest David Tanenbaum plays

Bach, arr Tanenbaum (Suite, BWV 1008); Peter Macwell Davies (Sonste) (r) Mainly for Pleasure with David Hoult 5.30 Mai 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Robert Hewison in conversation with Professor Ronnie Mulryne, board director of the Birmingham Repertory Theatre; Jonathan Patherbridge, artistic director of the Bubble Theatre, London; and Jan Parry, the Observer's dance

7,30 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Simon Rattle, led by Peter Thomas, performs Messiaen (Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorus Rachmenton (Symphony
No 2 in E minor)
9.30 King Cutter Vi; Phylis King
and lvor Cutter with the final
episode of the programme
filled with songs, poems and

10.00 Music in Our Time: Recent Music in Our Time: Recent music from Austrelia is introduced by Lynne Wiltierna. Brenton Broedstock (Towards the Shining Light: Sydney Symphony Orchestra under J. Mesterf, Nigel Westleke (Omphalo Centric Lecture: Michael Astilli, marimba); Martin Westey-Smith (for bass clarinet; Brian Howard (Wildbird Dreaming: Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymbuk), (Ali first broedcasts)

11.00 Composers of the Week:

12.00 News 12.06am Close

Haydn - Music of the 1780s

RADIO 4

LW (s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Fi s) Stereo on FM Sams Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, with Brian Redhead and Sue MacGregor, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; 6.45, 7.55 Weather; 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament 8.57 Weather 3 News

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John Waite (r) 9.30 All in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clare with the magazine devoted to matters of the mind

19.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Presented by Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm

Holm
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News, Citizens
11.25 In Exile (new series):
Jonathan Steinberg talks to
four exiles who have settled
in Britain. Part 1: Iranian
Haleh Afshar, now living in

HI CHIBELL PART I: ITEMBER
Haleh Afshar, now living in
Yorkshire (see Choice)
11.50 First Person: Series of talks
by first-time broadcasters. A
Rietime spent working in
private education is
reflected on by Malcolm
Oxlev Oxioy 12.00 News; You and Yours with 12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm Smiley's People (new series): Seven-part dramatization of John La Carré's novel, With Bernar Hepton (s) (r) 12.55 Weether

1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1,40 The Archers (r) 1,55
Shipping Foreast
2.60 News; Women's Hour:
Presented by Jenni Murray.
Includes a discussion on the male menopause; a feature

male menopause; a feature on juggling; a report on gender bias in the American courts; and a roundup of the week's news by Laurie Graham

3.00 News; Other Men Do: Play by Adrian Mourby. With Paul Filtys as Geoff (s) (see Choice)

4.00 News Choice)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to V.S. Pritchett about his latest book At Home and Abroad and his admiration for Chekhov: Timothy McDermott on the life of Thomas Aduinas; and some recent paperbacks are chosen by June Knox-Mawer

4.35 Kaleidoscope (s) (f)
5.00 PM with Robert Williams
and Frances Coverdale
6.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial

Report

8.30 Film Star: In the second of 6.30 Film Star: In the second of eight programmes, Alexander Walker profiles Julie Andrews (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtract Part 7: Stop-Off. Phil Smith spends 24 hours at Aust motorway service area beside the Severn Bridge, observing the passing trade (s)
8.00 Analysis: The Sins of Wages. David Walker assesses the state of the economy in the light of

economy in the light of government warnings about the danger of excessive pay increases 8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for people with disabilities. This week, Kati Whitaker seeks edvice on how to alleviate the onset of confusion and dementia in the elderty Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Vaughan, Kate Saunders reviews Bernica Rubens's book Kingdom Come; Polly Toynbee on My Heart's a Suitcase at the Royal Court Theatra, London; and an Interview with artist Sue Taylor, confusion and dementia in 9.15 K

with artist Sue Taylor, whose Oliworkers exhibi whose Onworkers exhibition is showing at Dundee Art Gallery (s)

9.46 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Love 1.000 The World Tonight (s)

19.45 A Book at Beddine: Love Lessons, by Joan Wyndham (9 of 10) 11.80 The Blackburn Files: Part 2: A Case of Parma Violets. Five-part amatieur delective spool by lan McMillan, Martin Wiley and Dave Sheesby. Starring Fine-Time Fontayne as Stephen J. Blackburn and Judy Flynn as Tracev (s) as Tracey (s)

11.30 Today in Purliament

12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20
Weather 12.33 Shipping
Forecast
FM as LW except:

9.05-10.48em For Schools (s)

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2.05-10.45em For Schools (s) 11.00-12.00 For Schools (s) 1.65 Listening Corner (s) 2.05-3.00 For schools (s) 5.50-5.65 (cont) 11.30-12.10em Open University: 11.30 Biology, Brain and Behaviour 11.50 Why Study the State? 12.30-1.10 Night School FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053k/tz/285m;1089k/tz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. (London area FM-104.8.) Radio 2: 693k/tz/453m;909k/tz/330m;FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215k/tz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198k/tz/1515m;FM-90-92.4-94.6. LBC: 1152k/tz/261m; FM 97.3. Capitat: 1548k/tz/198m; FM 95.8. Greater London Radio; 1458k/tz/206m; FM 94.9; World Service: MW

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

 Men have all the personal freedoms except the one that allows them to say "no" to women, complains the central character in Other Men Do (Radio 4. 3.00pm), Adrian Mourby's play about a reluc-tant Welsh adulterer. Complementarily, the Iranianborn, British-educated university teacher who tells her story in the first of the In Exile series (Radio 4, LW, 11.25am)



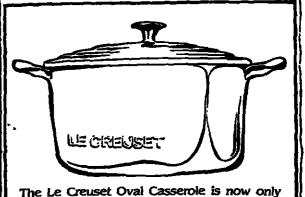
Paul Rhys: plays a reluctant Welsh adulterer (R4, 3.00pm)

complains of a nation in which women have all the social and professional freedoms except the one to say "no" to men. Naturally Mourby's play has more novel elements than Haleh Afshar's account of what it feels like to have been both an embryonic dissident in the Shah's Persia and a fully-fledged political exile from the Ayatollah's Iran. The irresolute hero (Paul Rhys) of Other Men Do, finally summons up enough courage to tell the wife who has too reasonably condoned his adultery, that it is about time someone struck a blow for wimps' lib. Take that in conjunction with his publisher-partner's gloomy conclusion that male begemony is in a state of decline, and you will understand why I say that. plot-wise, Mourby has bravely ventured into largely un-

charted territory.

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Vultures blamed in 'fly by wire' jet crash

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent, and Koomi Capoor in Delhi

Vultures circling the airport at Bangalore are being blamed for yesterday's crash of an Indian Airlines Airbus A320 jet. At least 82 people were

The almost new twin engined jet was making its final approach to the airport when, without warning, it plunged into the ground 50 yards short of the runway.

At least 82 of the 139 people on board were killed in the fire which then broke out as the aircraft rolled over into a

Worried airlines operating similar aircraft around the world tried desperately to discover whether there was any indication of a signi-

A leading Scots businesse and his wife died in the crast They were Mr Michael Bell, aged 55, director of Viyella the textile giant which employs 60,000 worldwide, and his wife, Jenny, aged 53.

ficant technical failure which could have affected the safety of one of the world's most popular and safest iets.

The A320 is the first to be equipped with a "fly by wire" computer controlled system which is claimed to make it the safest aircraft ever built and impossible to stall.

Despite universal praise about its handling, however, nagging doubts have remained among some engineers and pilots that too much faith may be being placed in the computer to guide the aircraft and too little in the skills of the pilot. There was, naturally, therefore great concern that some technical malfunction may have caused yesterday's

Indian Airlines is the biggest operator of the aircraft with 15 in regular service on domestic services. The aircraft which crashed had flown only 366 hours since it was delivered in December, the 13th to join Indian Airlines fleet.

Despite difficulties in establishing communication links with the southern Indian airport first reports suggested that there was no hint of any technical problems before the jet hit a canal near a golf course just short of its touch-

The airport at Bangalore is notorious both for the large number of birds - many of them huge vultures weighing up to 12lb - and for its lack of

I enclose a stamped and addressed envelope.



The burning wreckage of the Airbus, with the Indian Airlines insignia, lying in a marsh after it failed to make the Bangalore airport runway by 50 yards.

abour attack on Thatcher over sanctions

By Richard Ford Political Correspondent

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was "the world's best friend of apartheid", Mr Gerald Kaufman, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, said in a biting speech yesterday in which he accused the Prime Minister of wanting to get rid of sanctions.

Mr Kaufman attempted to exploit tensions between the Foreign Office and Downing Street in a three-and-a-half

He went on to justify the use

of violence by arguing that

Continued from page 1

ful terms.

South Africa in the Commons. the case. "The ban on new in- to Dublin on Tuesday to argue marked contrast to Mrs The Prime Minister and the Foreign Office are split over the crucial issue of lifting the

not be worried only by the ranks where President de casualties which are caused by Klerk has come under attack

the oppressed. They must also from right-wing groups over

"just as many whites have be worried about the series of his concessions. He had hoped more conciliatory line on the killed many blacks". He went casualties which have been after his speech announcing prospects for a peacefully

ban on new investment in release of Mr Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader. Only three days after senior

government sources indicated that the voluntary ban on new

reaffirmed his movement's being caught up in crossfire over many decades."

commitment to the armed when two groups are shooting

struggle but not in such force- at each other. The people must

We are signalling that it should be lifted and we are urging that on our partners in South Africa in the wake of the the European Community," a

Mr Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, was anxious to play down suggestions of a rift between the Foreign Office appinvestment had been unilater- roach to sanctions and the ally lifted, Foreign Office offi- more robust attitude of the

The remarks are bound to

cause concern in Government

vestment has not been lifted. the case for lifting the ban with fellow EC foreign ministers.

Although the Government can unilaterally lift the ban, the Foreign Office made clear it wanted full consulations with the EC partners with the aim of maintaining a common approach.

Mr Hurd insisted during the Commons debate that Britain

ship would offer concessions

of their own, particularly on

the question of the use of

But Mr Mandela did take a

violence.

hour opposition debate on cials insisted that this was not Prime Minister. He will travel sanctions. His tone was in Thatcher at Question Time on Tuesday when she declared that she did not think sanctions had achieved anything. • Runcie support: The Arch-bishop of Canterbury said yesterday he supported the relaxation of sanctions against South Africa but only after further progress towards the dismantling of apartheid (Clif-

ford Longley writes).

Mandela backs guerrilla raids on state targets

on: "You can't avoid people caused by the Government dramatic reforms that Mr negotiated settlement. He said Mandela and the ANC leader- he thought it would be possible to reach agreement with the white Government within four years, when the next white elections are due, and he urged white South Africans to And how well I remember more conciliatory line on the support the Government in its

Political sketch

The odd case of the two Ridleys

they were asking about Colin Wallace and campaigns of disinformation in Northern on a Transport Bill. Mr Ireland. "Is it already too late to kill off the word 'disinformation"?" Lady Sear (Lib-Dem) was asking: views over the uniform postal-What is wrong with the good old-fashioned word 'lies?"

Over in the Commons they were limbering up for another scrap about South Africa. Frankly, your sketchwriter is suffering from "Mandela fatigue".

Anyway, Dame Elaine Keilett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) disposed of the issue in a (sedentary) response to Gerald Kaufman's remark that South African blacks suffer from bad housing. "The Mandelas have a

lovely home" she said, "I know because I've seen it." That settled South Africa: and I chose Industry Questions with Nicholas Ridley.

"Wherever Mr Ridley goes," said Doug Hoyle (Lab, Warrington N), "acts of mad-

That seemed unfair, for the Secretary of State (who is a fine water-colour artist) has recently entered what future critics will call his "autumnal" or "genial" period.

Occasionally he will rise setting Labour hackles on edge - only to mumur something wry, or conciliatory, and resume his seat,

and his silence. The man who would be Chancellor says by his tone: "I was in the world, and the world knew me not." How far this is from the Ridley I used

to know! Once there was a Nicholas Ridley who tore mercilessly into the concept of "dutyfree" allowances - to the

delight of his colleagues. Once there was a Nicholas Ridley who commissioned a document, Problems With Franchising, which power-fully questioned the whole principle of trying to keep a business on its toes by peddling franchises, then "mon-

itoring" them. Now there is a Mr Ridley who auctioned off the licence to profit from duty-free allowances by franchising them. They called it BAA (British Airports Authority). Could these two Ridleys be, by any chance, related?

a particular speech by the old

Over in the House of Lords, Nick. It was a late-night sitting of one of those in-Ridley was (as I recall) Secretary of State; and a Labour Member had invited his rate by which parcels went to any part of the country for the

same price per ounce. Mr Ridley's response was astringently rational. I recall

the gist. "I do not expect to be charged the same amount." he said, "if I send myself to any part of the country. So why should I expect to be able to send a parcel, near or far, at the same rate?"

So I looked very closely at the Industry Secretary's face vesterday when his junior, Eric Forth, answered a Question from Maria Fyfe (Lab. Glasgow, Maryhill) on the Royal Mail.

The Secretary of State, said Forth, had considered proposals put to him for privatiz-ing parts of the Royal Mail. "None of them produced propositions that interested him ... " Mr Ridley's face was impassive. Not a flicker

And why had the proposal displeased him? Let us have it in Mr Forth's words, again. He was answering the Liberals' Matthew Taylor, who asked if there was a commitment to the principle of a

standard postage rate.
"It is that principle," said
Forth, "and the one of
universal delivery" which private enterprise had proved unable to satisfy. "It is our insistence on that which I

believe is correct." Have you seen those little machines which forecast the weather by causing a figurine with an umbrella to come out when it's going to rain, and a figurine dressed for sunshine to emerge when fair weather is predicted? I imagine a machine devised to predict the approach of a General Election.

As the great day hoves into view, the little Ridley figurine, teeth bared and cigarette glowing, shuttles swiftly out of view; and a smiling Mr Forth on a bicycle with "Royal Mail" emblazoned across his satchel, pops out. This ceremony occurred

Matthew Parris

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The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship 1990 Eliminator Puzzle All entrants who qualified for regional finals in Glasgow, Leeds, Birmingham, and Bristol have been accepted for those finals. All regional finals will begin at 2pm, and the competitors may check in from 1pm. As there are more qualifiers for the London A and B finals than can be accommodated, those who have been notified of their qualification are required to attempt this eliminator puzzle. Qualifiers are strongly urged to submit their attempts qualification are required to attempt this eliminator puzzle. Qualifiers are strongly urged to submit their attempts even if they cannot complete the puzzle, since entries with several omissions or mistakes are likely to be admitted. The solution will appear next Thursday and entrants will be individually informed of the result of the elimination within three weeks. The completed form and puzzle, which must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope (9 inches x 4, please), should be sent to The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship, Green Farm, Sawley, Ripon, N. Yorks, HG4 3EQ so that the envelope is postmarked not later than Wednesday, February 21. If you have a preference for either the A or the B final, please indicate under Venue and we will do our best to accommodate you.

NAME (please print) ... ADDRESS Venue **ACROSS**

1 Move at an early stage to give bishops longer careers (10).

- 6 Cheese-cutter used in cake pip-
- ing (4). 9 A lot of drink makes a dictator out of a fellow (10).
- 10 The chairman is brief (4).
- 12 Slow-witted Egyptian slave (4). 13 Literally from start to finish, Lit. of degrees! (9).
- 15 Eat lamb left to cook in round dish (4,4).
- 16 One may expect special treat-
- 18 A formerly pre-eminent ortho-dox head (6). 20 Made a plea, as a wanted man must (8).
- 23 Where to find Susanna, since the Canon won't have her (9). 24 Refuse hard water in Gwent (4). 26 Retired Indian's capital (4).
- 27 It should do for your couch (4-
- 28 Said to exploit W Africans (4). 29 College has a Herald Extraordinary with many facets (10).

1 Join artist less than half a mile

2 Lacking in guts, perhaps, for the ascent of splendid mountain in S Africa (7).

3 Angel hard to make out in shad-

4 Martin sounds under age, so can

7 Ceramic article has new handle

8 Inappropriate remark for a

popular girl to make (10). 11 Rebound a huge ordinal — once

14 I am through at four — early start is essential (10).

17 Arms used in the occupation of

19 What happened when the early

21 Tell his opponent he raised his

hat in vain (7).
22 It shows how fast the junket

25 Examination of the ear for hear-

Concise Crossword, page 22

cinema forgot to plot (7).

runs out at a party (6).

the King's property (3,9).

owy portrayal (5,7).

5 Appalling terrorists'

upsetting Havana (6).

be removed (8).

on top (7).

Chester (8).

away (4).

 An agricuitural improver
 A batler
 An economic pamphleteer Answers on page 20

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By Philip Howard DANDY DINMONT

a. A Highland poscher b. A sheep farmer c. An Aberdonian OLD MORTALITY 2. A chiseller b. A highwayman c. Death's scythe

CAPTAIN DALGETY b. A mercenary soldier c. A Fife fishing boat MALACHI MALAGROWTHER

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also said that there was no bealth risk. A consumer hotline has been set up by the company on 01-402 4474 to advise consumers on the health scare.

conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, sisted that there is no health risk in drinking Perrier. "We are doing this as a precaution," Fisheries and Food, these tests continue." said a spokesman. The Ministry of Agriculture Before Source Perrier announced the world-

wide sales suspension, millions of Perrier bottles were pulled from shop shelves in West Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands by importers when traces of benzene were

Perrier taken off the shelves in benzene scare

Mrs Marshall Foster said: "Immediately we discovered in samples. Problems mounted for sell it." Perrier UK, which has taken out full- heard the news from the United States we Source Perrier yesterday when the Commission page advertisements in today's newspapers started our own tests. The early results give us des Operations de Bourse, the Paris informing consumers of the withdrawal, inevery confidence in the quality of UK stocks. In stockmarket watchdog, announced it was opening an investigation into allegations of insider trading in Perrier shares. French stockbrokers claimed an abnormally high volume of Perrier shares were traded in Paris on Friday, just before it was officially announced that traces of benzene had been found in the US.

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GLASGOW

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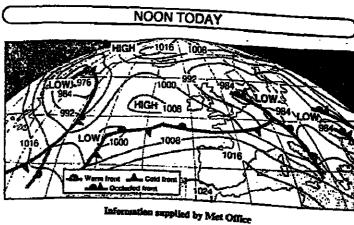
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Air France over bid

The European Commission will shortly give a warning to Air France, the French nat-ional airline, that its takeover of UTA, the private carrier, giving it almost complete control over French airline capacity in France, is in violation of the European Community's rules on com-Deution.

Air France will be told in a letter from Sir Leon Brittan, the EC's competition commissioner, to modify the terms of its takeover or face legal

Failure to meet the commission's demands could bring Air France before the European Court of Justice.

A commission spokesman added that Air France will be expected either to divest itself of rights to fly some air routes or shed parts of the new group to reduce its monopoly. But he all but ruled out the need for the costly takeover to be

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Mortgage rate fear for smaller builders

and Melinda Wittstock

The building industry is putting a brave face on the announcement of record mortgage rates by the Abbey National, although analysts are concerned at the effects on the smaller housebuilders.

They are forecasting a number of business failures among housebuilders and property companies. Any possible recovery has now effectively been postponed long enough to force some companies Over the edge, they said.

"It's very difficult to tell who will go under, but certainly some of the

smaller companies dependent on to-20 per cent. "It doesn't come as January and the first week of projects which go wrong may face too much of a surprise, but it will February will be sustained." projects which go wrong may face collapse," said Mr Adrian Goodall of Swiss Bank Corporation, the financial group.

He said yesterday's mortgage rate rise has postponed any hope of recovery until the year-end. "In January housebuyers were beginning to come back into the market. But confidence has been hit; the latest rise may postpone people's

decisions to buy."
Mr Khalid Nazir at Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, said he expects the rate of cancellations on new properties to increase to more certainly mean that any hope of an early recovery in the property market is dashed," said Mr Nazir.

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He said shares in housebuilders and property companies, still have further to fall, with yesterday's rate rise signalling a sluggish market for the rest of the year. Miss Krystyna Brzeskwinski at

Hoare Govett, the broker, saw the news as bad for share prices in the sector even if it had been widely predicted. "The question is now whether it will put off purchasers, and whether the strength of the

The larger groups such as Costain, Trafalgar House, Tarmac and Wimpey are sufficiently diversified and have strong enough balance sheets to cope, even though they can expect a "bloody year" on the housing front. But she fears for the smaller and more heavilyborrowed companies, and Anglia Secure Homes and McCarthy & Stone, the two quoted sheltered housing developers, some of whom

have already been showing the wounds from the sector downturn. The companies themselves are much more optimistic. Regalian commercial developer which last week put 600 unsold flats up for sale in a 50-50 shared ownership scheme, described Abbey Nation-

al's move as "good for business." Mr Simon Hill, a director, said the rate rise would make Regalian's scheme much more attractive to homebuyers. "We're not at all worried," he said, adding that Regalian has so far sold 110 flats at a full market value of £22 million.

Mr Ian Rowberry, the managing director of Rosehaugh Copartnership, which yesterday launched a similar shared-ownership scheme, said: "It's no grief for us; in fact it's very bad elsewhere but that will just make our scheme look better." Rosehaugh has an arrangement with its mortgage brokers for fixedrate mortgages at 13.4 per cent.

"We expect this to be shortlived," said a spokeswoman from George Wimpey, one of Britain's three biggest housebuilders. Mr Alan Cherry, chairman of Country-side Properties, believes most builders will be able to ride out the higher rate in the short term, by using incentive schemes.

He sounded one unexpectedly positive note. "It's a day nearer to

EC to warm NatWest offer of £30m over Blue Arrow

By Neil Bennett and Colin Narbrough

bought Blue Arrow shares after the failure of the 1987 rights issue.

NatWest Investment Bank is offering up to 30p per share to the institutions which bought Blue Arrow shares in the placing that followed the rights, or to anyone who bought shares between the placing on September 29, 1987, and October 26, 1987 when the shares hit their lowest. It will also pay interest

of up to 8p per share. NatWest said it will limit compensation to losses which it attributes "to the circumstances in which the shares were originally acquired." Anyone who bought shares after the October 19 stock market crash will get reduced

compensation. bank announced the placing had been successful but failed to reveal it was still holding a 13.4 per cent stake through its various subsidiaries, which the crash.

After the placing, shares in the employment agency group fluctuated between 166p and 175p. They sank to a 90p low on October 26, where they stayed until December 17, when NatWest admitted it held the stake.

NatWest was severely criti-

National Westminster
Bank has agreed to pay
£30 million in compensation to people who bought Blue Arrow shares

Trade report into the Blue the whole, it is being very well received."

County had been threatened by legal action from investors who believed they had bought

Up to 30 institutions and companies bought 44.2 million shares from County the critical period.

NatWest will start negotiating with the companies which took shares in the placing over the compensation they will pay. Apart from traditional fund managers, they include other County NatWest corporate clients, such as Beazer,

Comment. the building group, which were persuaded to buy shares. Other shareholders being compensated include County After the rights issue, the NatWest Investment Managers which bought a 1 per cent stake. Other NatWest subsidiaries, and UBS Phillips & Drew which also worked on the placing, are being excluded

from the offer, however, as are

the County employees who

allegedly bought Blue Arrow shares at the beginning of October. Mr Scott Dobbie, a County director, said NatWest was making the offer to close the

"We can now conduct our cized in the Department of over our heads," he said. "On mittee to speed up matters.

who believed they had bought shares based on false information. But no case could have been brought until after the trials of 11 County and Phil-NatWest, the bank's securities subsidiary, at the placing, while 40 million shares were fences relating to the affair. traded on the stock market in These cases may not come to court for another year.

NatWest Investment Bank will take the £30 million as an exceptional loss in its 1989 accounts. This is in addition to the £50 million it set aside when it sold a 66.6 million shares stake to US investors on Tuesday.

However, UBS Phillips & Drew, which placed 136 million of the shares, has so far failed to offer any settlement to institutions. The Institutional Shareholders' Committee has sought for two-anda-half months to persuade the firms to agree on reparations. met in the Barbican Centre this week.

"We have strong legal advice," he said, "that there is a case for some form of compensation, but so far UBS have not been ready to move toward a settlement."

Mr Donald Bryden, chairman of the ISC, said he welcomed the principle of NatWest's offer. The meeting called on the ISC to hold a further meeting with UBS and business without this hanging to set a co-ordinating com-



Surplus helps group soar above higher costs

Plane sailing: Lord King, right, and Sir Colin Marshall, after reporting a £20 million rise in third-quarter profits, yesterday

Happy landing for BA at £71m

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

craft sales and a £14 million pension holiday helped British Airways overcome substantially higher fuel and aircraft costs in the three months to December. It lifted group

pre-tax profits from £51 million to £71 million The performance have looked better still had the group not chosen to take £10 million costs, associated with its rights issue, above the line. Profits for the first nine months are up from £273

million to £330 million, lifting earnings per share from 24.6p a year ago to 29.7p. Lord King, the chairman of

A £17 million surplus on air- British Airways, said the pressure on costs would con- remains concerned at its inperformance reflected "buoyant traffic growth in our core settlements, fuel prices, inbusiness, with increased revenue yields."

Traffic on scheduled serbusiness for the coming sum cost ratios, he said.

mer is projected to increase by 10 per cent over last year. Lord King added that profits on the sale of aircraft and lower pension fund contributions were not one-off benefits

- they would be repeated in the future. But he gave warning that

tinue, due to recent wage terest rates and new aircraft

Various initiatives were in vices remained buoyant and hand to control margins and

> The group's fuel bill rose by a massive 47.5 per cent, following a 43.8 per cent rise in the average sterling price per gallon. "There is little we can do about it," said Lord King. "Our new aircraft are 6 per cent more fuel-efficient, but at the end of the day there is only one place we can put this kind

of price rise." from the £1.05 Meanwhile, British Airways ported last time.

ability to gain access to the US

Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, said: "We will certainly oppose very strongly American airline access to the market in Europe unless the US market is opened up."

British Airways' agreement with United Airlines was "working well," but the group had no plans to bid for another US airline, he

Group turnover for the quarter was £1.19 billion, up from the £1.05 billion re-

Hanson to shed iron ore stake

By Colin Campbell

Hanson is selling another asset inherited from Consolidated Gold Fields but full financial details of the transaction are not expected until March.

Hanson is shedding a 70 per cent stake in Mount Goldsworthy Mining Associates, the loss-making iron ore project in Australia, to fellow share-holder BHP-Utah Minerals International, part of the BHP group, which will raise the latter's stake to 100 per cent. Hanson yesterday reported first-quarter pre-tax profits of £225 million for the three months ended December, up

from £195 million last year, on turnover of £1.82 billion Fully diluted earnings per share for the quarter were 3.9p

Capel denies problems over Gestetner 'rights'

By Jeremy Andrews

Stock market sources suggested last night that Ges- holds. tetner, the office copier distributor, is trying to put together a rights issue to raise in excess of £50 million for an acquisition.

However, James Capel, the company's broker, said talk that an attempt on Tuesday to underwrite the issue had failed was "nonsense."

In a statement, Gestetner expressed surprise at the 13p fall in its share price on that day and confirmed it is in discussions that might lead to an agreed acquisition. It added that AFP, the Australian investor which holds 14 per cent of the ordinary shares, supported the proposed acquisition and would

Mr Brian Copsey, the finame the company in its aggestion that the rights issue price of 213p. is meeting resistance from institutions. He said: The sudden drop in the share price does reflect a degree of speculation, but I've given up trying to understand the UK

He expects any announcement about the acquisition to come in the next week or two. Including the loan stock as debt, Gestetner's £191 million of borrowings already exceed its shareholders' funds of £128 million. Even with AFP's loan Tempus, page 26 | paying up the outstanding issue at 170p would be needed

convertible loan stock it to fund an acquisition valued at £100 million

The conversion terms of the nance director, declined to loan stock are equivalent to 170p, which is a 20 per cent sights or comment on the discount to the current market

> AFP moved into Gestetner four years ago and, once it had gained management control, set about improving margins. As well as subscribing to ordinary shares, it also subscribed to £115 million of nil paid loan stock, which, on conversion will bring its holding to 55 per cent of the fullydiluted equity.

The bulk of this was taken up to pay for Hanimex, a distributor of Japanese camera lenses which Gestetner stock subscription, analysts acquired for £70.9 million in contribute £42.5 million by expect a one for two rights July, and the balance will go

Profits found to be 'positive but not unduly high'

Inquiry gives oil giants a smooth ride

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Oil companies, long the target of criticism for alleged collusive pricing with too great an influence on retail sales, emerged unscathed from their third Monopolies and Mergers Commission grilling. They were judged as being involved in a competitive market with wholesaling profits "positive but not unduly high."

The Commission decided overall returns on petrol wholesaling were "no more than moderate" thus giving little scope for price reductions.

With Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, accepting the findings, the oil companies and others involved in petrol supply now only face a more extensive and regular monitoring by Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of Fair Trading, who will also carry out a full review after three years. The Commission called for continued monitoring as it hoisted some warning signals about possible developments. Greater concentration of retail outlets in fewer hands could occur or the number of wholesalers could shrink, it said. A factor in producing a competitive market has been refining overcapacity,

But these caveats did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm with which the oil companies welcomed the report. A

but this is now approaching a better

balance, raising a possibility of refining

Report in detail

typical reaction came from Dr Roy Reynolds, Shell UK Oil's managing director, who said: "I am delighted that the investigation confirms what those of us who work in the industry know so well from our own experience - that we do not collude, we do not profiteer and we operate very much in the public interest."

A frequent critcisms of petrol wholesalers has been that they are quick to reflect oil price rises in the Rotterdam spot market but slower to follow decreases. The MMC found the contrary: that Rotterdam prices were not followed quickly because the wholesalers delayed increases as they tried to maintain market share. Prices would then move up sharply but the MMC believed this was not because of collusion but "a response to commercial pressures that are common to all."

There was a stir when oil company practices on petrol swaps were disclosed One oil company will supply petrol in one area while another company matches the amount covering another geographical area. The MMC decided this did not promote collusion but helped on costs with no adverse effects on the public interest.

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Hanson still doing well everywhere Two-year PCN lead

Hanson, whose first-quarterly report to end-December reveals £225 million pre-tax profit, compared with £195 million, and whose financial muscle could still knock over a billion takeover before

Though sparse with details both sides of the Atlantic and fundamental trend is still pos-

reach £1.33 billion (£1.06 billion), though currency influences and some chilly economic winds which are looming make analysts more comfortable to stay with their £1.3 billion forecasts.

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nefit from a £95 million kick on interest savings, assuming a successful conversion at this month end of the £1 billion 10 per cent convertwas a £5 million benefit from currency movements in the first quarter, the benefit may be eroded as the year rolls on. Hanson was 78 per cent-

geared at last balance sheet December 31, and if conversion is a success should be netcash positive at end-March. Hanson continues to effect

70 per cent stake in the loss-making Mount Goldsworthy financial details are given, but of late there have been approaches for ARC Properties - so the next report could see Meanwhile, the exit from

for an empire operating on the junk bond market of Drexel Burnham must make north and south of the Equa-tor, the message is that the and where possible with cash, itive across the group. The Budget could cloud Extrapolation of the 15.4 Hanson's tobacco interests if per cent first-quarter growth excise duty comes in for the

ever all US interest continue

Tiphook

It is doubtful if Mr Robert Montague had any idea of the nine-month ordeal ahead when he agreed to team with Stena, the Swedish shipping line, for a concerted assault on Mr James Sherwood's Sea date, was net-borrowed at Containers - although anyone who has entered the ring with Mr Sherwood could have warned him.

But it now looks as if Mr Montague's Tiphook will fithe odd trimming and sale, Montague's Tiphook will fi-and the latest asset to go is the nally win its prize when Sea



Glittering prize: Robert Montague, chairman of Tiphook

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Containers' shareholders vote on the deal a month today. Under the agreement worked out last month, Stena will take the Sealink ferries operation and Tiphook the dry containers, the tank containers es and almost 5,000 chassis in the US. It seems to represent the best of both worlds for the British group.

Tiphook has funded its \$537 million purchase partly

by a £240 million rights issue and partly by bank borrowings. But the increase in the gearing will stay at about 240 per cent, a comfortable level for a company in its business. It will acquire the assets it always wanted, free of debt reorganization. Two provisos remain: Tiphook has ex-panded fast and could fall foul of the "deal too far" syndrome, if any undesirables are found to be lurking within the business acquired, and it remains vulnerable, along with anyone eise, to a general economic downturn.

But Sea Containers, which will come aboard conveniently close to the start of its financial year, will be earn-ings-enhancing almost from day one, adding as much as 5p to previous earnings per share estimates of about 65p for the year to end-April, 1991. That puts the shares, at 454p inst a high of 538p before the bid, on a prospective multiple of as low as 6.5 times; at that level they look cheap.

Leslie Wise

Wise is not the word which comes to mind for a small textile company supplying teenage fashion to retailers but Leslie Wise appears to be bucking the trend despite the double handicap of size and

Wise, which supplies the Burton companies Dorothy Perkins and Top Shop as well as C&A and Etam, increased pre-tax profits by 30 per cent to £4.17 million for the year to November. Sales rose 25 per cent to £34.5 million and earnings per share rose 38.7 per cent to 8.7p. The dividend is up 16.7 per cent to 3.5p. Mr John Gowers, managing director, says this success in tough conditions is due to flexibility and quick response. Unlike other textile groups, it owns no plant but sources its fabric competitively. It can switch quickly from supplying knitted fabrics to supplying

cottons. The short lead times mean retailers can have finished garments within seven weeks whereas much teenage fashion is sourced in the Far East months in advance. Wise has two main divisions, textile merchandising

and garment manufacturing. The first takes the grey ma terial and contracts out the printing, using its own designs. The second designs the garments, not necessarily using Wise fabric, and contracts

The company, chaired by Mr Neil Wise, son of the founder, came to the stock market through a reverse takeover of the loss-making Ladies Pride in June 1987. Mr Wise and his team have turned Ladies Pride's £400,000 loss into a £400,000 profit. The group, 51 per cent owned by the board, has £2.5 million in cash and the shares are yield-

ing over 7 per cent. BZW has upgraded its forecast for this year from £4.7 million to £5 million putting the shares at 72p on a prospective p/e of 7.3, making them

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claimed by Ericsson

claim to a two-year technological lead over its European rivals in the race to develop Personal Communications Networks. The company, which has been pioneering CT3, a cordless The company, which has been pioneering C13, a cordiess phone system that will work to European Commission favoured standards, revealed it is start field trials with Holland's public telephone operator late this year. Mr Colin Buckingham, president, said its CT3 technology was superior and would be the "glue" in European mobile communications to cement existing systems such as telepoint's CT2 and planned networks such as GSM and ERMES, the Europewide paging networks. wide paging network. One of its crucial advantages was its ability to be used in the office as well as in the car and on the

GC Flooring in profit

GC Flooring & Furnishings, the carpet fitter which made a £478,000 loss last year, returned pre-tax profits of £12,000 in the six months to end-December, against £285,000 at the same stage last time. Earnings per share were 0.001p (1.96p).

raise £1.5m

Anglesey to

Anglesey Mining, currently developing a polymetallic (zinc and other metals) ore body at Parys Mountain, Isle of Anglesey, is raising £1.5 million net through a placing by Kleinwort Benson Securities of 1.01 million shares at 154p each. The funds will be used for development and The interim dividend stays at 0.9p. The company is raising £1.6 million through a 2-for-3 rights issue at 28p a share. engineering work for the final feasibility and financ-

Record claims 29.7%

Record Holdings, maker of power tools, has gained irrevocable undertakings of acceptance amounting to 29.7 per cent, including the directors, in its £13.2 million bid battle with James Wilkes, the engineering group, for control of Easterbrook Allcard, a private cutting tool firm.

Record, offering £7.50 in cash for Easterbrook, has also

bought a 3.1 per cent stake from Rowntree Pensions Trust and is in talks with Prudential. Meanwhile, James Wilkes, making a cash offer of £6.56, or a paper alternative worth more than £7, has started legal proceedings against a group of private shareholders holding 9 per cent of Easterbrook.

Lipton buys tea company

Thomas Lipton, the Ca-nadian subsidiary of Unilever, the international food and consumer products group, has acquired Salada, a tea company, from Redco Foods of the US for an undisclosed sum. Salada, which had a turnover of Can\$19 million (£9.4 millien), will continue to have ten produced under its own

Gwalia sets £6m record

Sons of Gwalia, the Austra-lian gold mining group, re-ported record first-half net operating profits of Aus \$13.84 million (£6.23 million), compared with Aus \$11.17 million last time. The dividend is Aus30 cents (Aus25 cents). The con holds more than 370,000 years worth Aus\$33 million

Mr Denis Vernon, chairman and chief executive of Ferguson Industrial Holdings, the printing-to-plastics group, is to step down and give up his full-time role. He will continue as a non-

FIH has decided to divide the two roles. Mr Michael Saint group finance director, will become group managing director. Mr Denis Cassidy, a non-excutive director, will become chairman on a part-time basis. Mr Jack Clege, president of Empery Corporation, a subsidiary of FIH in the United States, has been appointed to the FIH main board. The shares were up 1p to 208p.

Half-time profits soar at Norton in S Africa

By Our City Staff

Norton Group, the rotary cycle maker, has more than doubled pre-tax profits from £257,000 to £517,000 in the six months to October 28.

Turnover climbed 7 per cent to £10.36 million and earnings per share rose from 2.18p to 4.66p. The company, which gained a full listing when it reversed into Minty, the furniture and property company, last June, does not pay an interim dividend, but is to make a final payment.

The Minty businesses, which have been, or are to be, sold, showed a marginal profit, while the engineering and distribution businesses were profitable. Pro-Fit, the US pipe fittings and flanges distributor, contributed about £700,000.

Mr Philippe Le Roux, chief executive, said the Norton motorcycle and rotary engine business lost about £300,000. However, a US Navy contract for rotary engines and launch of the high-performance F! motorcycle should lead it to break even in the second half and profit thereafter.

BET cuts holding

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By Colin Campbell

BET, the specialist support services group, is reducing its stake in United General Investments, the last of its

South African subsidiaries. The deal cuts its effective interest in Unitrans, the Johannesburg-listed freight company, from 48 per cent to

39.2 per cent. The reduction, made at a time when political developments could suggest a new economic order in the country, is in line with an agree ment with Sankorp, BET's South African partner, which will raise its stake in United General to 51 per cent.

United General owns 80 per

cent of Unitrans. The financial aspects of the rearrangement, which are likely to involve a net cash payment to BET, have not been disclosed.

Unitrans had a R185.3 million (£43.1 million) turnover in the year to the end of March and a pre-tax profit of R30 million.

The investment represents less than one per cent of BET's net earnings. BET shares traded 1p higher

Lloyds Merchant surges to £12.8m

By Neil Bennett

A large increase in earnings from development capital helped Lloyds Merchant Bank, the corporate finance arm of the clearing bank, to raise profits before tax by 58 per cent to £12.8 million last

profits mark the The business's continued recovery from the losses of £19.4 million it made two years ago when its gilts and Eurobond dealing operations were

They also contrast sharply with losses of more than £600 million which brokers are forecasting its parent will announce next week.

Lloyds is taking a £10 million dividend from the bank compared with nothing

The merchant bank's corporate finance department worked on several statutory water company bids last year and also advised Severn-Trent Water during the public flotation. It also worked for the or France.

Home Office on the possible sale of the Tote. Its venture capital arm, the most profitable division, organized nine management

The bank's exposure to development capital equity grew by 123 per cent to £58

The division continued its string of successes this January with the acquisition of Evands Healthcare, one of its management buyouts, by

The investment manage ment division which looks after 15 unit trusts, and the main bank's large pension fund, increased its managed funds by 24 per cent to £6.8 billion

In October the bank opened a branch in Leeds for corporate finance and development capital business and is now discusing the prospects for branches in the Federal Republic of Germany, Spain

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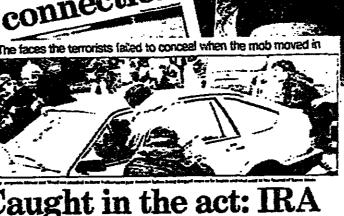
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COMMENT

NatWest plays cupid

Output shows signs of steadying despite fall

Manufacturing output fell a seen as a better measure, that the anticipated destock- due to bad weather and extra December, but the Central 0.2 per cent up on the previous appear. Statistical Office estimates that underlying growth is running at an unchanged annual

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The hint of stabilization in manufacturing output gained support from a British Chambers of Commerce survey that pointed to the industrial slow-down having "bottomed out."

The CSO figures, which are subject to big revisions, put manufacturing output 2.6 per cent higher in December than a year earlier. Factory output rose 4.8 per cent last year after a 7.2 per cent gain the pre-

three months, but 3.1 per cent

higher than final quarter 1988. rate of 2.5 per cent for the in the aerospace and motor industries, output would have grown an estimated half per cent between the latest

quarters. Amid fears that high in-terest rates were pushing the first suggestion that the pro-longed slowdown may have come to an end.

But Mr Bill Martin, chief

provisional 0.2 per cent in showed manufacturing output ing by industry had still to maintenance, after an 0.3 per

Mr Martin said an interesting aspect of the figures was Commerce quarterly survey, the suggestion that the consumer sector was strong, giving support to recent data suggesting that consumer spending has been stronger

than expected. Total output of the produc tion industries, including the economy into recession, yes-terday's figures provided the ering from problems in the North Sea, grew only 0.8 per cent last year, after 3.6 per cent the year before.

In December, overall induseconomist at Phillips & Drew, trial output fell 0.6 per cent the broker, said they merely after a revised 0.2 per cent most significant reconfirmed that manufacturing decline in November. Energy London, the Tham output was roughly flat and output fell 1.9 per cent, mainly and East Midlands.

cent rise in November.

The British Chambers of which covers 3,323 firms, found business prospects have

It also found that regions worst affected by the slowdown are "beginning to bounce back" and provides "important evidence that recession appears to have been averted."

In the final quarter of last year, manufacturers on balance reported an increase in domestic orders for the first time in over a year, with the most significant recovery in London, the Thames Valley

Wise fashions a 30% rise to £4m

By Gillian Bowditch

pany which supplies garments to high street retailers such as fitum and Top Shop, had a bumper year last year, despite the squeeze on fashion re-

Pre-tax profits rose 30 per cent to £4.17 million for the year to November, including a £1.1 million contribution from Jeanland, the garment design company which Wise bought

Sales rose 25 per cent to £34.5 million and earnings per hare rese 38.7 per cent to

The dividend is up 16.7 per Mr Neil Wise, the group's chairman, said the group's

achievements were accomplished during "a period of very high interest levels, which severely affected business activity in the high Mr John Gowers, gro

managing director, said that so far this year, all the divisions were performing better than The group is continuing to look for suitable acquisitions and has £2.5 million in the

bank, on which it carned



Tempus, page 26 Designs on growth: Neil Wise, right, and John Gowers announce a bumper year yesterday 1992.

EC move over drugs profits

From Peter Guilford

The European Comm has unveiled plans for binding rules making money laundering a criminal offence in the community.

Strasbourg yesterday, Sir Leon Brittan, EC commissioner in charge of financial services, said: "Money laundering must be tackled effectively and quickly. We are determined to prevent our liberal market being misused to provide a licence for criminals.

The Commission also unveiled additional, but less enforceable, measures encouraging banking transparency. Banks and postal administrations will be asked to disclose to their clients the costs of money transactions from one EC country to the next.

This initial measure, which will spawn further rules later, also calls on each country to set up an independent body to deal with complaints from their cross-frontier bank

The Commission finally opted for a tougher "directive" on money laundering instead of a non-binding recommendation. This will force national governments to draft laws obliging all banks and credit institutions to report any suspect transactions to the authorities.

Sir Leon claims the directive will target all money de-rived from "drug trafficking, terrorism or other crime, particularly organized crime." The directive will even

override banking secrecy laws

where the authorities or the bank suspect the movement of "dirty money." Bank employees or directors will be specifically exempted from liability if a client lodges a claim against them for giving information to the authorities. However, Sir Leon was at pains to ensure that the directive would not ride roughshod over the sensitive area of

"No legitimate banker has anything to fear. This is not an attack on banks or bankers, but on criminals," he added. Sir Leon hopes the directive will be ratified by the ministers by the beginning of

banking secrecy.

with Blue Arrow offer t may have been an hour or two late, but NatWest's valentine to luckless Blue Arrow shareholders was nevertheless welcome. As gifts go, this one is expensive at £30 million - but the goodwill it engenders is considerable.

those caught up in the backwash of the disastrous Blue Arrow rights issue was far from romantic. It may well pre-empt legal action from those who felt far from happy Asset disposals have had a curious about the débâcle. A number of investors habit of turning up in some company purchased Blue Arrow shares after the group's advisers, including NatWest, were supposed to have successfully placed the rump of the rights issue with the They would not have been discouraged

by some fancy profits forecast for Blue Arrow by County NatWest researchers nor by the now famous Financial Times advertisment which characterized the issue as a roaring success. We now know that a great deal of stock was far from being firmly placed with long-term holders and instead parked with Blue Arrow advisers and their

associates. If NatWest's plan to compensate those most seriously embarrassed by a purchase prevents a rash of claims after the affair has been examined by the courts, it will have been money well spent. For one thing, the matter will be unresolved for many months if not years. Having an unpleasant mess on the doorstep is not attractive to a bank determined to rebuild its busi-

However, the idea of compensating

ness and its reputation. Some of the victims will doubtless feel that maximum compensation of 30p per share is barely adequate. Blue Arrow fell from the rights issue level of 166p to 90p before NatWest revealed that it was still a holder of large lines of stock previously thought to have been placed. But the idea seems to have been to compensate for the difference between being in the market generally during the October crash and holding Blue Arrow in particular. Most institutions will probably settle for that.

King of the salesmen Lilling seats is only one way an airline earns revenue. It can also

make a few bob in the usedaircraft market. And few, we learn, not to any great surprise, turn out to be a better second-hand plane salesman than Lord King at British Airways.

A buoyant second-hand aircraft market has enabled Lord King to augment the BA profit and loss account in the disposal of just two planes, a Boeing 747-200 and a BAC1-11. The jumbo, which contributed the bulk of the surplus, formed part of the B-Cal fleet. Since December another four have been off-loaded, lifting the total raised to date to a rumoured \$95 million (£56 million), which would punch a substantial hole in the £250 million takeover bill.

accounts whenever trading has taken a turn for the worse. No such accusation can be levelled at BA. It sees no evidence of recession, and expects to be flying 10 per cent more passengers across the skies this summer. Strip out the aircraft sales, and BA profits are comfortably ahead of the

market's expectations, and may yet make the £350 million pre-tax total that BZW has consistently forecast for the current year, against the previous £268

Business confusion

n contrast to some of the gloom emanating from the Confederation of British Industry of late, the lesspublicized efforts of the British Chambers of Commerce to guage the business climate is more optimistic, possibly reflecting the bias of the BCC's membership towards medium and smaller companies.

While acknowledging that confidence continues to fall, the BCC is encouraged by the fact that the decline in confidence has slowed since the middle of last year. suggesting surprising resilience among the 3,323 businesses whose opinions are sought. In terms of ability to generate higher profits in the coming year, 13 per cent more manufacturing firms feel confident about higher profits in the year ahead than those who foresee lower profits. Among service companies, the positive balance is 28 per cent.

On investment, long perceived as central to the British economy's hopes of catching up with its rivals, the BCC paints a considerably brighter picture than the CBI, which most recently reported firms looking to cut their investment plans (neatly underlining the organization's lobbying for Budget incentives to investment).

The BCC has only one region, the West Midlands, reporting falling investment. The national balance remains positive. Indeed, the underlying tendency to invest, though "temporarily" restrained by interest rates, is still confidently described as "high."

The American invasion of the year investment horizon will British and continental prop- mean more becoming availerty markets is about to restart able as they are developed. after faltering slightly in recent weeks. The Prudential Insurance Company of America is to launch a \$2 billion (£1.18 billion) global property fund, with Europe high on its list.

The fund will consider only the biggest and best of properties in world financial centres. Prudential said it was expected to invest in office buildings with a capital value of \$200-300 million. That suggests the internationally-backed fund could spend its

money on under 10 buildings.

London has a limited number of buildings of that size, but the fund's three- to five-

Holloway

closes

his book

says that it has no plans to

replace him. His number two,

Brian Tarrel, also a former

Wedd partner and described

as head of UK equity trading

at BZW, will continue to run

the UK market-making opera-

tion "on a day to day basis."

BZW says: "This does not

represent a change in policy

for us. We are well content

with our market-making team

and the contribution they are

Equity Markets Committee -

and has also been serving as

direction of the British mar-

ket BZW says that it is not yet

will continue on that com-

mittee, but the BZW spokes-

man freely admits: "We have

Peter Holloway to thank for

establishing BZW's prom-

inence in equity market-mak-

ing since Big Bang."

The fund is to be advised by has agreed to stop dealing on Jones Lang Wootton, the London's futures markets.

London property agent. The US group's British European cities appear to have an advantage over others identified for investment. Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington are suffering from the general fall in US property. The Sydney market too has

That leaves London, Paris and Frankfurt, competing with Toronto. Mr Robert Riley, chairman of Prudential

By Neil Bennett

subsidiary has agreed to pull its traders out of the London Metal Exchange and the London International Financial Futures Exchange until further notice, and to deal for now through other members. It was clear early yesterday

that Drexel had almost stopped trading apart from liquidating positions on the Futures and Options Exchange.

Meanwhile, Groupe Bru-

per cent shareholder in provision in its 1989 figures.

In New York, attention turned to identifying the big-gest losers from Wall Street's largest ever bankroptcy. The victims range from the US government to Mr Michael Milken, the former junk bond

"If there is any ripple effect

US property fund Drexel to pull out focuses on Europe of London futures By Matthew Bond

Drexel Burnham Lambert, the US securities house which filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Tuesday,

Realty, said: "We're giving major attention to the UK and Frankfurt and Paris."

Drexel, announced that its only exposure to the company is its share stake. Belgian analysts suggested the group would write the stake off with a BFr3.2 billion (£54 million)

it will be on the holders of high yield securities," said Mr Perrin Long, securities industry analyst for Lipper Analytical

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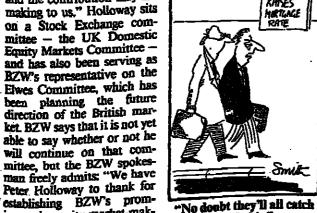
THE TIMES CITY DIARY Chippie marries bard

At the annual St Valentine's Peter Holloway, the ebullient Day Chinese luncheon hosted head of equity market-making in London's East End by 86-year-old Marcus Colby, of W I at BZW - one of the big three market-makers in London, Carr, and attended by a motley with Smith New Court and collection of his City friends, David Whitehead, a seasoned Warburg - has resigned from the firm due to "differences in market-maker with Warburg management style." Accord-Securities told the tale of the ing to official company potato who had three daughsources, Holloway, aged 47, ters. The eldest came to him one day and said that she and a former partner at Wedd Durlacher, the jobber, resigned last week and left wanted to get married. "Who esterday. He does not yet have a job to go to, and BZW

his next daughter said that she too wanted to get wed - to another Royal, a Jersey Royal. And finally, a few months later, his youngest daughter declared that she was about to follow suit. "A Royal?" queried the father. "Harry Carpenter," she replied. "Oh no," wailed the father. "He's a

Station blues

If you think advertising is already intrusive enough into our daily lives, spare a thought for the Japanese. Talking memory chips have been added to advertising posters in Japan which means that travellers at train stations are



being greeted by posters which exhort them to drink Suntory



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Old Whisky. Suntory is following that with a poster of Ray Charles singing out loud, and says that it eventually wants to have 1,600 singing posters in stations across the country. Another talking poster combines chip technology with shape-memory metal alloys - as a voice asks you to join the national pension programme, a face that is one moment wreathed in smiles

I rather like the title of the latest mining bulletin from Kleinwort Benson, which focuses on the situation in South Africa and contrasts it with the crumbling Soviet empire - "there the similarities end. South Africa has a powerful infrastructure and food in its shops, while Russians have to queue for even the basics of life," it says. The circular is called Pretoriastroika.

Staff of life harvested

Bankers Trust is lamenting the

departure of Allen Wheat, former chairman of Bankers

Trust International - the international arm of the US to?" he ventured. "King Edward," she replied. Then merchant bank - who resigned on Monday. For that very same day, after "six or seven months" of discussions, he started work as Tokyo chairman of Pacific Credit Suisse First Boston, a subsidiary of another US merchant bank, Credit Suisse First Boston inc. And he has struck Bankers Trust with a doubleedged sword - for he will be taking with him up to a dozen of his former colleagues. Approximately six individuals are understood to have joined the firm in London and another five or six are expected to follow suit in Japan. "We have been looking for a chairman and chief executive in the Pacific for some time," says Hans, Rudloff who, as chairman of Credit Suisse First Boston is Wheat's counterpart in London. "It means that we have now moved into swaps (a form of debt trading) as a principle rather than just an intermediary - which is something we have been wanting to do for one and a half years. We needed credit enhancement and Credit Suisse has now given that to us. We think swaps are very profitable, a necessity and the one thing that has been missing at Credit Suisse." Rudloff described reports that Wheat would be recruiting as many as 50 of Bankers Trust's derivatives staff as "ridiculous."

Carol Leonard

Oil giants cleared of collusion on prices

The Monopolies Commission investigation into the supply of petrol in the UK found that a monopoly did exist but decided it was working in the public interest and pump

prices were reasonable

We were required to consider recently entered the United whether a monopoly situation, under the terms of the number of smaller whole-

wholesalers, including the 14 principal wholesalers (Esso, Shell, BP, Texaco, Mobil, Conoco, Total, Petrofina, Gulf, Amoco, Murco, Burmah, Elf and Kuwait.)

We considered the public the findings set out above and concluded that the wholesale petrol market is competitive. In most areas of the country, consumers have available in their neighbourhood a range of petrol prices and standards of service from which to choose. Pump prices are highly visible, being clearly displayed outside outlets, enabling the motorist to be aware of relative prices and make a choice. We did not find either the general level of United Kingdom pump prices, after tax, or recent trends in their prices, unreasonable when measured against Rotterdam petrol prices, the general trend of consumer prices or European

The companies' profits in their downstream operations as a whole have been low and on their wholesale operations, including petrol, have been no more than moderate. The reality of competition is shown by the level and volatility of profits over the period we have studied.

Since the 1979 report there has been a reduction in concentration. The aggregate market share of the five majors has declined, with shifts in market share between majors has increased. Two wholesalers with significant

1973 Fair Trading Act, exists salers. Although there has in the wholesale supply of been an increase in the petrol and whether any of the proportion of sites owned by facts found in our inquiry the wholesalers and the facts found in our inquiry the wholesalers and the operate or may be expected to proportion of total sales operate against the public through these outlets, the 14 principal wholesalers compete We found that a monopoly effectively on price, facilities situation exists in favour of 69 and service, with different wholesalers, including the 14 marketing and operating strategies. Competition for market share has led to higher site standards with improved access, lay-out, longer opening hours and other on-site facilities such as shops and car interest issues in the light of washes. The hypermarkets are itors (particularly on price), as are the independent chains of retailers. Each year a substantial number of independent solus contracts come up for renewal or replacement, and the principal wholesalers compete strongly for these. This helps ensure the strength of independent retailers. All

corresponding reduction in the role of the independents; a significant reduction in either the number of wholesalers or their geographic coverage, or both, particularly among the 14 principal wholesalers; and anti-competitive changes in the use of selective price these factors have combined support (sps), either by wholeto keep prices and service salers failing to respond to local price competition or by

6 The OFT should review the competitive state of the industry on a regular basis 9

We concluded that none of the facts found operates at present against the public

We are required to consider

not only whether any facts found in our inquiry operate against the public interest, but whether they may be expected to do so in future. We would be concerned by significant changes in the forces which we have identified as encouraging competition; in particular by an adverse change in supply conditions for petrol; a further miticant increase in Whole saler ownership of sites or in the volume of petrol sold through those sites, with a

their using SPS as a pricing weapon to deter price cutting in local markets by rendering such operations unprofitable.

We have considered the likelihood of such adverse developments. Members varied in the weight they attached to possible shortages of refinsuch developments, taken individually or together, was not sufficient for us to conclude During the inquiry a number

The general level of pump prices in the UK was not found to be unreasonable measured against European pump prices

public interest.

that conditions could change for the worse in a number of ways, some of which we have already outlined. Although members varied in their assessment of the likelihood of adverse developments, all agreed that the importance of the industry and the potentially serious consequences of a decline in competition were such that continued monitoring of the industry was

(OFT) already keeps the competitive situation in the industry under review, and following the 1979 report has also collected annual information on the extent of wholesaler ownership of sites. We consider this collection of information should be expanded to enable the OFT to review the competitive state ing capacity, developments in of the industry on a regular wholesaler ownership and basis. We outline the inpricing policies and the effect dicators we think should be that these might have on entry monitored and sources for the to the market. Having regard information needed. Should state of the industry we de- cause for concern we envisage Commission.

that the facts found may be of allegations were put to us to occur. Wholesalers tend to expected to operate against the and also reported in newspaper comment, that at times of rising international prices We recognised, however, oil companies tended to raise their prices together and by

the same amount, and that this was evidence of collusion. We put these allegations to the principal oil companies which all denied in the clearest terms that they decided price movements in agreement with competitors or held discussions of any kind with them on the subject. No direct evidence was presented to back up the allegations, nor is The Office of Fair Trading it necessary to postulate some form of collusion to explain the timing and nature of the

price movements that take The wholesalers explained the situation that they face when prices are rising. The prices that the wholesalers pay for petrol, since they are based on Rotterdam prices, are similar, equally their other wholesaling costs, while they vary, are unlikely to be moving differently. Thus at the time of rising prices they all face similar pressures. Each wholeto the current competitive the results of monitoring give saler is aware that to move prices out of line with compet-

delay price increases until they are certain that both they and their competitors are under clear pressure to move. Which one acts first depends on the immediate financial circumstances facing each company and individual assessments of future market movements: but since all will already be

facing similar pressures, a

of relating their internal trans-fer prices and their market transactions to Rotterdam prices. Neither the absolute levels of retail petrol prices in the United Kingdom nor the way in which these prices have reacted to international price changes suggest that the wholesalers have been securing unjustified margins or that they collude in setting prices. Profitability: The level of profitability is

one of the key questions to be examined in a monopoly reference and the size of profits in an industry is an important, though not in itself decisive. factor in determining whether the prices charged are against the public interest.

We established that the greater part of crude oil used by the refining wholesalers in the United Kingdom is purchased from third parties at open market prices and that the remainder, equity crude, is transferred in at market-related prices. We were also satisfied that the North-West Europe market prices for crude are broad based enough to be accepted as the appropriate basis for transfer prices.

The five majors and the majority of the other refining wholesalers told us that in providing information to the MMC they had used prices derived from Platt's Rotterdam petrol prices to transfer product between their refining and wholesaling operations. We accept these Platt's prices as the best estimates available for valuing transfers of petrol, and thus for establishing and separating the profits which arise in refining and petrol

We have not found high profitability at wholesale level or in downstream operations

move by one is likely to be followed by changes of very much the same size by the others. This speed of response is helped by the transparency of prices in the market; our study of two periods of price change during spring 1989 showed that principal wholesalers become aware of competitors' movements in a matter of hours, either through feedback from dealers with agreements with a num-ber of suppliers, or through press agency reporting.

We conclude, therefore, that losses of volume and that the there are no reasonable earlier any one wholesaler grounds for criticising the moves the more likely this is refining wholesalers' practice

Appraisals of the competitive

The Petrol Retailers Association argued that the refining oil companies exercised de facto control over petrol prices at wholesale and retail level, that this control was also a consequence of vertical constraints, particularly wholesaler ownership of retail sites and control of the licence system, and was supported by barriers to entry at the wholesale and retail levels. As a result prices in at least some parts of the retail market were significantly above competitive levels. Control over retail

through controls on margins,

rowings in the second half

because of the seasonal nature

director, said Porth was looking to buy a "contra-seasonal

The company, which went into receivership in 1983 but

was rescued by Gooding, the private Welsh group, before being bought by a Gooding

management team in 1987.

said profits will be high

enough to justify a maiden final dividend of 3.2p, making

business" to compensate.

Mr Jack Mansfield, finance

the arrangements for notifying price changes, and the system of selective price support. It advanced evidence to

support this argument, suggesting first that margins be-tween retail prices and crude oil costs have widened significantly since the mid-1980s and that retail prices have also diverged from the Rotterdam petrol prices in the same period. Secondly it argued that continuing price differences between different parts of the country exceeded any identifiable differences in costs, and that price reductions by retailers and other wholesalers were inhibited by various measures including use of selective price support.

We accept some elements of the PRA analysis, in particular that there is effective control by wholesalers of pump prices at a large proportion of their own sites and that selective price support could be used as an anti-competitive weapon although the evidence available to us suggests it is offered more widely than the PRA realised and that its overall effect in present circum-stances is to assist competition.

We do not accept the PRA's view that United Kingdom retail prices are higher than they might otherwise be because of the exercise of market power by oil com-panies. Our analysis suggests that the margins available to wholesalers on sales of petrol have been no more than are needed to cover costs and leave a small wholesaling profit. We have had the advantage of more detailed cost and profit information from oil companies than was available to the PRA. We have not found high profitability either at the wholesale level or taking the companies' downstream operations as a whole. Moreover, profits have been extremely volatile from one year to the next. Neither of these are features associated with the successful exploita-

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tion of monopoly power. Thus on the basis of our examination of the structure and behaviour of the industry over recent years we conclude that the facts found do not at present operate against the public interest.

We also find that no steps are being taken by wholesalers in whose favour the monopoly situation exists to exploit of maintain that situation.

We find that the exchange of petrol between wholesale is an act attributable to the existence of the monopoly situation out does not operate against the public interest.

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New-look SEP leaps by 88%

By Philip Pangales

Pre-tax profits at SEP Indus-trial Holdings, the USM industrial fasteners and components group, jumped 88 per cent to £2.49 million in the year to end-September after a comprehensive

Group turnover advanced 175 per cent, boosted by acquisitions, to £47.7 million, and earnings per share rise 28 per cent to 4.01p. The final dividend is improved from 0.45p to 0.6p, making lp (0.75p) for the year.

Interest payments rose to £1.64 million (£518,000), although gearing has fallen from about 87 per cent to nearer 70 per cent since the year-end. Mr Paul Formby, chairman and chief executive, said the benefits of the reorganization of the fastener distribution

division should become increasingly evident.

More than half group turnover and a substantial part of profits are now derived from overseas markets.

But the company added that trading in Britain had become more difficult since the end of

assistance

The full details of the latest mortgage rate rises, including

who will have to pay how much

extra and when, will be in-cluded in the Family Money

section on Saturday. There will be guidance for people who cannot meet the latest rise

and who are among the in-

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charities may suffer under planned changes to the give-

with mortgage arrears.

The shares firmed 3p to

Mortgage minefield

the Royal Navy. The £2 billion helicopter, behind schedule, we criticized by the Commons' be ready for service.

Porth warning of full-year decline

Porth Group, Britain's biggest 1988. High interest rates have manufacturer of Christmas also hit the company, which decorations, has given warn-traditionally has higher boring that full-year profits for 1989 will be lower than in the previous year.

The company, which joined the USM in April, said repeat orders from its retail customers - including Asda, B&Q, Boots, Gateway, Payless DIY and J Sainsbury - fell far short of traditional levels in the important months of November and December.

Porth blamed high interest rates and high retail stock levels for the decline. It said turnover will be up on last year's £15.3 million but pretax profits will be slightly less than the £1 million reported in

a total for the year of 4.5p. The shares were unchanged

Westland commitment

of Westland Group, the helicopter manufacturer, told shareholders it would continue concentrating its efforts on the EH101 programme for

cently for delays and major cost overruns, is thought crucial to Westland's survival.

Sir Leslie said the aircraft, a joint venture with Agusta of Italy and at least one year behind schedule, would soon

BOC facility

BOC has arranged a facility with Cazenove, the broker, for small shareholders who want to sell. Holders of 100 or fewer shares will be able to sell at a commission of 0.5 per cent until the end of March. Some 127,000 shares (0.03 per cent of BOC's equity) held by 3,215 shareholders, are covered.

CH Bailey up CH Bailey, the Cardiff ship

repairer and engineer, made pre-tax profits of £328,135, up from £187,558, in the 28 weeks to mid-October. Turnover improved 1 per cent to £3.8 million. There is again no interim dividend on earnings per share of 0.541p (0.297p).

Caird placing

Caird Group is placing 875,000 shares, mainly with US institutions, to attract long-term investors who know the waste management business. These shares, being placed at 526p, represent 4.9 per cent of the existing shares, which lost 2p to 535p.

Gatt talks

The Uruguay Round of talks on freer world commerce due to end this year, should be completed before the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade forum is expanded into a wider institution, a Gatt

The Leeds Visa Card. Interest Rate.

The Leeds announces that the interest rate on its Visa Card is to be increased from 2.05% to 2.15% per month (Effective 19th February 1990).

Interest at the new rate will appear on statements dated on or after 19th February 1990. The cash advance service charge remains unaltered at 1.5% of the amount taken.

The Annual Percentage Rate of Charge (APR) is increased from 27.57% to 29.08% for purchases and from 28.8% to 29.84% for cash advances.

Conditions (4a) and (11a) of the Leeds Visa Card Conditions of Use are amended accordingly.

For further information, call any Leeds Permanent Building Society branch or write to: Leeds Permanent Building Society, Visa Centre, PO Box 1, Pudsey, W. Yorks. LS28 5YB.

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Half stake in state recording company would set eastern bloc record

Thorn close to Hungarian deal

Thorn EMI, the music recording-to-electricals and technol-officially. ogy group, has confirmed it is close to reaching an agreement to buy a 50 per cent stake in Hungaroton, Hungary's state recording company.

The deal, understood to be worth about \$15 million, almost limitless." would be the largest enter-tainment industry link in eastern Europe, giving EMI Records a head start in the rush among the world's lead-ing recording and media stars and musicians. "Mem-bers of an orchestra are as badgroups to gain a foothold in a ly market that is expected to grow quickly.

Hungaroton makes recordings of classical music and Eastern bloc pop and folk mufinance expansion and im-prove production techniques.

Mr Jeno Bors, Hungarotou's managing director, who has already talked to all major Western recording companies, said such "international cooperation" would take the form of a joint venture or an equity stake.

Thorn EMI, chaired by Mr Colin Southgate, has apparently beaten such rivals as CBS Records, Warner Com-munications, Philips and RCA Records. It would not comment on the deal but a firmed that the deal was close ern bloc until the question of

Mr David Roach, an eastern Europe specialist with Morgan Stanley, said: "The potential for Thorn EMI and other record companies entering the eastern European market is

He said EMI could take advantage of low-cost production and smaller fees depaid as factory workers while labour rates are onetenth of those in western

EMI would also be able to sic. It wants Western capital to the East to a potential audifinance expansion and imence of 428 million while market its western artists in bringing world-renowned classical music, on better-quality tapes and CDs, to the West.

Mr Roach said Eterna, East Germany's classical label, and Amiga, the popular music company, would be likely targets for Bertelsmann, RCA's owner, which has already set up an office in East Berlin. But a spokesman at Virgin,

which has links with Melodia, the Soviet label, and is considering opening a MegaStore in Moscow, said leading western labels are unlikely to make New York spokesman con-significant moves in the eastto completion, but would not profits repatriation is clarified.

Mr Bloom said: "Between

100 and 200 sets of particulars

on Speedo have been sent out.

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largest part of Response with a

turnover of £40 million, and

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company in Northern Ireland.

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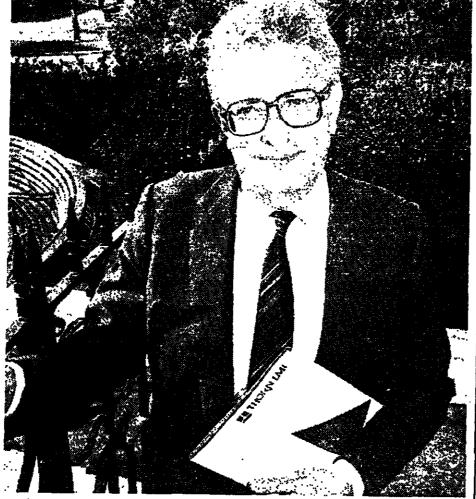
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Pierre Cardin names and the

Marks and Spencer suppliers

Response's problems have

"We have also had a lot of interest shown in WW, the



Colin Southgate: close to beating global rivals with \$15 million Hungarian deal.

Currency trading grows to \$650bn

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

Global turnover in the foreign exchange markets totalled about \$650 billion (£384 billion) a day last year, according to the Bank for International Settlements.

London remained the biggest centre with about a quarter of all transactions.

In the three years between 1986 and April 1989, when the BIS survey was carried out, foreign exchange transactions grew considerably faster than the increase in world trade.

Financially-driven deals ap-pear to have become increasingly important

Nearly 40 per cent of trade in non-local currencies, about \$167 billion a day, was con-centrated in London.

Singapore was second with \$59 billion, Hong Kong third with \$51 billion and Japan and Switzerland fourth and

Taking all transactions together, the dollar was involved in 90 per cent of all transactions, and is still by far the most widely traded currency. Second was the yen with 27 per cent, third the mark with 26 per cent and fourth sterling with 15 per cent.

The range of currencies traded has also grown over the

European grid link urged to cut gas prices

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

A parliamentary inquiry is demanding further efforts by British Gas to justify high prices to large industrial gas

The House of Commons energy committee found that while gas prices for domestic and small contract users in Britain are lower than on the Continent, large gas users faced considerably higher rise.

charges. the European grid to ensure that the gas market is fully competitive, particularly for Britain's 20,000 contract gas

British Gas told the MPs that European tariffs are pegged to oil prices.

If oil prices rose again, Britain would once again enjoy "some of the cheapest gas anywhere in the world," it said.

However, the Conservativedominated committee said: We are surprised that no comprehensive examination of the practicalities and cost benefits of constructing a link with the European gas grid has been made known to us.

"In view of the considerable unease among gas customers £13.30 net.

we further recommend that Ofgas (the gas consumer watchdog) maintain a close watch on the level of European and British gas prices to satisfy itself that British Gas's current higher prices are unavoidable and to ensure that BG allows consumers to benefit fully from Britain's domestic sources of gas if oil prices

The committee criticized It recommends links with the Gas Consumer Council for not tackling complaints from customers using about 25,000 therms of gas.

"We hope that the GCC will not be so diffident in future on such important matters and that it will consider whether adopting a higher profile would enhance its effective-

Although the committee praises British Gas for encouraging energy efficiency, it calls on Ofgas to check that no disincentives remain, particularly for customers using 25 million and 50 million

House of Commons Energy Committee 2nd report: Industrial and Commercial Gas Prices, Stationery Office,

Receivers report strong interest in Response firms

The receivers at Response, the ably and both are to be sold. Speedo swimwear group which went under last month with debts of about £50 million, say they have had a People are now at the stage of superb response from companies interested in buying their offers. bits of the group.

One of the receivers, Mr Alan Bloom, a partner at Ernst & Young, said it was too early to say how much creditors might get back from the business but he was heartened

We have sent out hundreds and hundreds of particulars," he said.

So far one of Response's 22 subsidiaries has been sold. Herbert Johnson, the Bond Street hatter, was sold to its Coloroll, the home furnishings

Details of further sales are

Interest in Speedo swimwear and WW Group, the importer, is particularly strong Both of these busi- anteed £24.6 million of nesses are still trading profit- Response's debt.

group, which is putting together a refinancing package with its banks. a £90 million management buyout from Coloroll of the John Crowther textile businesses and Coloroll guar-

European buys seen at Nickless

From David Tweed Sydney

Mayne Nickless, the Australian transport and security land's largest company, overgroup, has foreshadowed further expansion in Europe after announcing a 17.2 per cent divisions to lift profits 9 per rise in equity account and cent to NZ\$344 million (£121 profit to \$Aus65.6 million million) for the six months to (£29.4 million), up from Aus\$55.99 million, during the

six months to December 31. Despite the adverse effects of the dispute by Australian pilots at the end of last year, which shaved an estimated Aus\$3.5 million off after-tax profits, group sales increased by 15.3 per cent to Aus\$1.31 billion, up from Aus\$1.14

billion_ Mr Ian Webber, the managing director of Mayne Nick-less, said the result was "pleasing" given the economic climate in the countries where the group operates and the adverse effects of the

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pilots' dispute. Directors declared a fully franked interim dividend of 20 cents a share compared with the 15 cents fully franked dividend in the previous corresponding period.

Fletcher rises 9%

From Our Correspondent Sydney

Fletcher Challenge, New Zeacame a sharp dip in earnings from its key pulp and paper

end-December. The result - NZ\$20 million more than analysts expected was hailed by the company as an indication of a policy that aims to spread earnings across several core groups - spanning forestry, construction, energy, farming and fishing.

A world newsprint price collapse pushed paper earnings to NZ\$30.7 million, from NZ\$97.6 million. Market pulp profits were down 21 per cent to NZ\$80.2 million.

The downturn was offset by earnings from other forestry-related activities and the acquisition from the New Zealand government of the Rural Bank, which earned NZ\$53 million.

Earnings per share for the half rose NZI cent to NZ29.7 cents. The interim dividend, is NZ11.5 cents (NZ10.8 cents).

Manchester Ship to invest £27m

By Ronald Faux

Company plans to invest £27 resources. Mr Robert Hough, million in the upper reaches of chairman, said that less than I the canal system to attract million of the 8.2 million more ocean-going traffic and related business to the city.

The annual report, published this week, shows improved profits since the takeover of the canal and its 6,000 acres of land two years ago by Greathey Investments. Dredging and towing opera-

tions have been contracted out, the canal workforce cut by requiring bulk raw materials the National Dock Labour Scheme and property assets revalued at £125 million, an improvement of £50 million on previous book value. But the upper reaches of the

The Manchester Ship Canal canal continue to be a drain on tonnes carried on the canal last year went to the upper reaches beyond Runcorn, Cheshire, and that stretch lost almost £2 million - almost wiping out labour savings.

The waterway could allow vessels of up to 14,000 tonnes into the heart of Manchester and with particular industries almost half after the demise of this could prove attractive. With help from the European Community and a strong promotional campaign, the company aims to bring new trade to the neglected stretch

6 MAY CODE CHANGE DAY

As you may have heard, on 6 May London gets its new telephone dialling in this change. In a nutshell, whatever part codes. Out goes 01, in comes 071 for inner London, and 081 for outer London.

This change is designed to satisfy increased demand for phone numbers and to meet your needs in the future.

things you

should do now

to prepare

your company for

6 May.

The first is to

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If you're in business anywhere in the U.K., there are obvious implications

the 01 code plays in your company, somebody needs to revise it.

To help with this, we've identified 3 key areas that should be looked at now to make the 6 May change as smooth as possible.

Your phone, fax & computer systems.

If you have the type of equipment that stores 01 numbers or automatically dials them, it will need to be re-programmed prior to 6 May.

If it's maintained by British Telecom, we can help with any work you're unable to do yourself. But if your system is maintained by someone else you should contact them direct yourself.

Your company communications.

You may be surprised to find out how widely your telephone number is reproduced.

For example - stationery, company literature, packaging, vehicle livery, signage, even emergency instructions and documentation.

Many will need changing in some way and it makes sense to put the alterations in hand as soon as possible.

Your customers.

If your business has an 01 code number now, the sooner you let your customers know your new code, the better.

And your staff should also be informed about the coming change and what the new code will be.

If you don't already know your new code you'll be able to find it by checking next Sunday's papers where a comprehensive list of all the new codes will be published.

If you have any queries, call us free on our Helpline number, 0800 800 873 between 9am and 7pm, seven days a week.

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Bid hopes revived Asda, the

marketing director of Gate-

way supermarkets, to run the

business. This immediately

led to speculation that the

Tesco firmed 2p to 199p,

still benefiting from a number

of improved brokers' profit

forecasts. Kleinwort Benson

raised its estimate this week

and has been followed by

others. Analysts expect pre-tax

profits in the current year to

Sun Life 28p down at £13.60.

Union Assurances des Paris

shares and has an option to

buy a further 24 per cent held by Liberty Life of South

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WORLD MARKETS

Drexel problems fail to stop Dow moving ahead

New York (Renter) — The to 3,214 on Tuesday. Dow Jones industrial average

Tokyo — The Nikko was up two points at 2,626.10 in early trading as Wall Street continued to show resilience Sydney - The All-Ordto Drenel Burnham Lambert's financial problems.

Traders said that a holding action by the market, despite the loss of liquidity from junk bond-financed takeovers, could lead to further gains.

• Johannesburg — The over-all share index dipped to a preliminary 3,091 after falling

inaries index rose 8.5 to 1,636,7.

● Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index fell

11.18 to 1,564.70.

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● Tokyo - The Nikkei index firmed 48.86 to 37,155.89.

 Frankfurt — The DAX index closed at 1,832.23, off

• Heng Kong - The Hang Seng Index gained 6.88 to 2,870.43.

sharply following a flurry of activity on the Traditional Options market where one investor gave heavily for the

The Next share price responded with a rise of 5p to 100p as dealers reported that BZW, the broker, had given 9p for the call on 1 million shares. This means that the share price will have to rise to about 109p before seeing a return on the investment. There is little prospect of the Next price making much

headway during the next three months on trading grounds alone. The group has tried to soothe City fears about a cut in the dividend - short of making a forecast. Instead dealers are talking about a bid from Sears, whose

interests stretch from Selfridges and the Saxone stores to Freemans mail order. It was revealed in The Times last week that Sears had recently acquired a 1.5 per cent stake in Next and analysts believe that it would fit in well with Freemans. Sears firmed by 11/2p to 1041/2p.

The rest of the equity market made a confident start. cheered by the overnight rise on Wall Street which came in spite of the problems at Drexel Burnham Lambert. Dealers reported some healthy twoway business but this was cut short by the news of Abbey National's mortgage rate rise and the disappointing industrial output figures. The FT-SE 100 index saw a gain of 17 points whittled away, finishing 5.1 higher at 2,298.3. The

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Hopes of a bid for Next, the FT index of 30 shares rose 4.3 ailing clothes retailer, rose to 1,822.4 with 465 million shares traded.

Government securities were heartened by a better performance in the West German bond market ahead of today's meeting of the Bundesbank and showed gains stretching to £¼ at the longer end.

Renters, which better-than-expected full-year figures this week, firmed 6p to £10.46 ahead of a presentation in New York for fund

The water shares attracted

institutional support. Thames led the way with an advance of 5½p to 158½p. Thames is regarded as the barometer for the sector and its shares are a constituent of the FT-SE index as well as being quoted on the Traded Options market. But they have failed to sparkle. The word is that the company will soon be giving

Dalgety continued to respond to this week's 10 per cent rise in interim profits to £57.1 million with a gain of 3p at 381p. The rise might have been greater but one fund manager decided to sell 1.8 million shares. Warburg Securities, the broker, placed them in the

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The government's latest quarterly survey of business trends revealed little growth in manufacturing output and worsening expectations by some of the colony's leading industries.

Companies in the textiles. struggling food retailer, with a rise of 4p to 109p. This plastics, electrical and metal followed a report in The Times that the Canadian industries - the largest in the manufacturing sector - all Belzberg brothers had lined up said their business declined in Mr David Fisher, a former final quarter of 1989 and that they expected a further downturn.

Only restaurants and construction companies antici-Belzbergs now planned to launch their long-awaited bid. pated an improvement in business conditions.

Even banks and companies in the watch-making business, which had a thriving last quarter, expected business to deteriorate in the first quarter of this year.

A shortage of general and skilled labour and spiralling costs and wages were said to be some of the factors grow from £276 million to £360 million. Fading takeover hopes left contributing to sluggish conditions, according to the survey on 1,000 Hong Kong

already owns 22 per cent of the However, for hotels, it was the sharp fall in tourist arrivals and new competitors which reduced profits and dampened the outlook for this

plan to make any sizeable government figures that there was a ears. There had been talk that marked slowdown in indus-UAP had planned to spend the proceeds of its recent rights trial growth last year.

The index of production for the third quarter remained unchanged from the same period in 1988, while the first and second quarters registered year-on-year growth rates of 3.8 per cent and 1.7 per cent respectively.

Industries which suffered the biggest declines were rubber products, which fell 24 per cent, leather and footwear (21 per cent), plastics (17 per cent) and metals (16 per cent). The printing, tobacco, tex-

tiles and chemical sectors reported healthy growth compared with the third quarter of Meanwhile, retail figures showed a drop in business

volume of 6 per cent from a year ago. The car and car parts sector

was the hardest hit while sales for fuels, foodstuffs and tobacco increased. Total retail sales in the first 11 months of last year rose 6

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The Kuwait Investment Office has given the thumbs down to Queens Moat's bid maker, lost a 4p lead to finish 9p lower at 169p. The

of its recent gloom, achieving a rise of 9p at 200p, after 204p. Several institutions picked up stock following a meeting between the company and Robert Fleming Securities on Tuesday. Norcros was the target of an

abortive bid by Williams Holdings a couple of years ago. Williams later sold its holding and the price has been in decline ever since, sliding from a peak of 450p to a low of 190p recently. High interest rates and the downturn in house-building have taken their toll of profits. The group

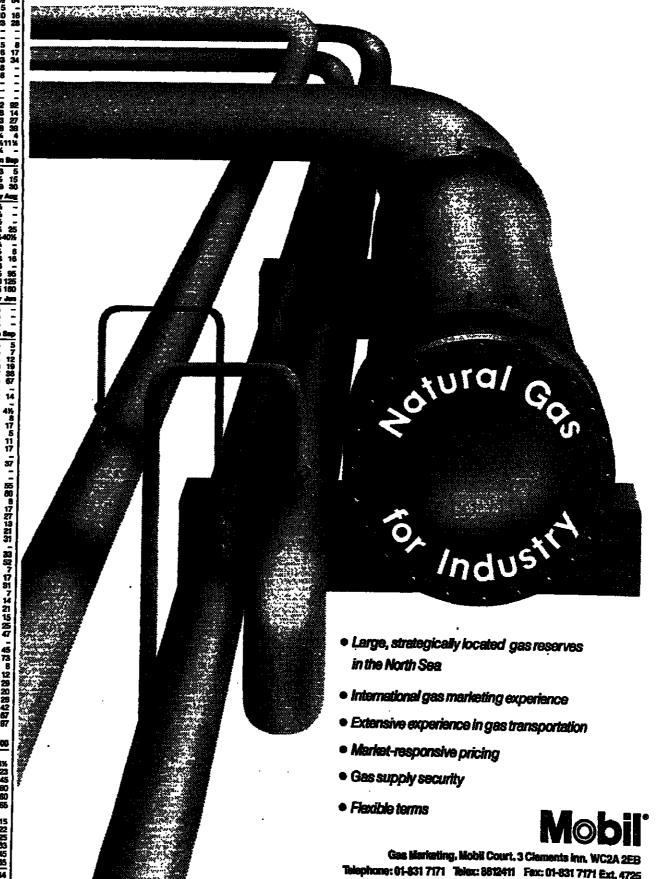
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The city of hope in a new era

Optimism shines from a former industrial community that has

survived to greet a cleaner future

confident of its future can it afford to be proud of a past that may not have always shown it in a flattering light. So it is with today's Salford citizens, whose grandparents were shown as matchstick figures scurrying across bleak urban landscapes of smoking mill chimneys and cobbled streets by the artist L.S. Lowry.

That image, emphasized in such songs as "Dirty Old Town" and novels such as Love on the Dole, represented for many the city that nestled, literally and metaphorically, in the shadows of its larger neighbour, Manchester.

But if Lowry returned today he would find the changes ically, industrially and environmentally, Salford is a far cry from the world of the Lowry prints hanging in tens of thousands of homes. A new skyline has gradually risen to mark out the city as a place with a future and not merely the remnant of a faded indus-

It is cleaner, the first industrial city to go totally smokeless. It is a greener, more pleasant place in which to work and live. It is economically more secure, with a broader-based economy moving away from the declining industries with which it is traditionally linked. Heavy engineering, textiles and the docks are being replaced by more service-based and techadvanced

A 400-acre enterprise zone, created in 1981, is proving to be a breeding ground for industrial growth, providing a package of financial and commercial incentives, including a rates holiday until 1991, simplified planning regimes and 100 per cent capital aliowances. It has been attractive enough to pull in more than 300 businesses, providing long-term employment for about 3,000 people.

Much of the city's slum housing has been replaced in pioneering partnerships between the public and private sectors, although the task is still not complete

Environmental improvements remain a priority. The city council is determined to create as many private garden areas as possible and to provide attractive accommodaby converting tion maisonettes into traditional two-storey houses.

Salford's communications by road, rail and through the international airport 10 miles away are vastly improved.

One of the most ambitious chemes was the £16.8 million widening of the Barton High Level Bridge, carrying the M63 over the Manchester Ship Canal, which was completed three months early.

council, which, although sol-However, the most imidly Labour and often opportant ingredient in the remarkable transformation posed to central government policies, has retained a thorthat has put Salford on the oughly pragmatic approach. international map is the Roger Rees, the council's chief executive, has been with highly imaginative creation of Salford Quays, a successsful the authority for 22 years. He mix of residential and comwas town clerk to the old mercial developments on the council before local governonce derelict and decaying ment reorganization in 1974 ncreased its size five-fold to

24,000 acres, almost doubling its population and giving impetus for growth. He says much of the credit for Saiford's changed fortunes must go to the local authority's imagination and for-

vard-thinking qualities. "Salford is an inner city" forming around a tenth of one of the largest urban conurba-

site of the former docks. The

city will also benefit from the

development plans for neigh-bouring Trafford Park, where

up to 16,000 new jobs are expected to be created during

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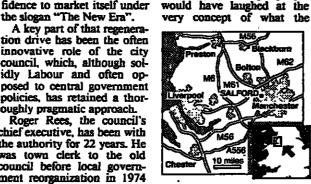
decade the city, with a popula-tion of 250,000, has the con-

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the next few years.

tions in Britain," Rees says. "The great test has been to create an environment here that makes it a desirable place in which to live and work: to retain the ability to be experimental, inventive and different; and to release the

energies of the people. "Thirty years ago people would have laughed at the



but today Salford is a city of hope. It has also been extremely important to retain our individual identity and not get lost in the conurbation. There is great pride among those who live in Salford."

The city is now planning for its role in the next century. A development strategy for central Salford has been drawn up

envisaging a £130 million programme to improve all aspects of the environment, create new employment opportunites, further upgrade the housing stock and residential areas, encourage the growth of tourism and improve traffic facilities.

The city council already works closely with Salford University. Together they are part of a public-private sector consortium set to develop a large technology park on the former Royal Ordnance factory site at Patricroft. The partnership culture was practised in Salford before it became fashionable in inner city regeneration.

In a business magazine review, Bill Hinds, leader of the council, says: "New industries are forging a strong economy — computers, food, light engineering and service-related businesses - and paving the way to a bright future. The key is partnership with Salford City Council. Our forward-thinking policies have inspired the regeneration of the city through imaginative new initiatives using both national and European

funding agencies.* Two events last year summed up the city's progress. A Lowry exhibition, depicting earlier depressed days, had 100,000 visitors, and a similar number attended a national boating rally on the cleaned-up canals and River Irwell and in the waters of the Quays development. One event symbolized that

which to live and work. oride in the past, the other confidence in the future.

A proud pair: Roger Rees (left), the city's chief executive, and Bill Hinds, the council leader, at Salford Quays. Right: David Trippier leads the fish restocking of the waterways at the Quays Symbol of achievement at the waterside

The cynics have been silenced as

the Quays have dignified the docks

rhan renewal schemes usually create marinas and harbours out of derelict waterways. However, when the initial plans for Salford's old docks emerged in the early 1980s, they were still unusual and daring enough to draw cynical comment and predictions of failure.

Salford City Council bought 225 acres of decaying dock-land from the Manchester Ship Canal Company and commissioned plans from Shepheard, Epstein and Hunter for transforming the whole docks area. The first successful negotiations for a section of the site were finalized between the council and Urban Waterside in 1985. Under the agreement the company built a hotel, a multi-screen cinema and attractive waterside housing on 25 acres. Today the name of Salford Quays has given the city a new cachet, and the former docks are now a sought-after place in

1980s, the changes in shipping techniques had cut that number to almost zero. Yet today the Quays are a symbol of inner city achievement.

Initial public sector invest-ment of £25 million has pump-primed £200 million of private sector finance, a figure likely to double by the mid-1990s, creating up to 6,000 jobs in a mix of commercial, industrial and leisure developments and homes for 2,000. Water quality has been improved, and a new lock and canals have made a variety of water activities possible. There are tree-lined promenades, a 76-berth marina, plans for water taxis, and facilities for fishing, sailing

and canoeing. Schemes already completed include 200,000 sq ft of highmainly by hi-tech companies. new homes, including Lovell Urban Renewal's award-winning Grain Wharf dev-elopment, the four-star Copthorne Hotel, the Cannon multiplex cinema and public houses with restaurants.

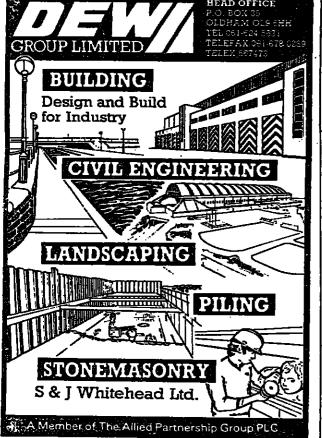
Later developments will include shops, wine bars, restaurants, prestige offices, and sports, leisure and cultural facilities that will enhance the reputation of the Quays as one

Britain's most successful re-One of the largest of the

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MEC Properties has started its "Anchorage" project, 250,000 sq ft of offices, homes, shops and quality offices, occupied leisure facilities; the Manchester Ship Canal Company has begun its 500,000 sq fi "Harbour City" at Dock 9; and Urban Waterside is developing the 160,000 sq ft "Waterside Centre".

The city council is also proposing an international class centre for the performing arts on the waterfront, providing live performances, television and radio production facilities, art and exhibition galleries, cafés, bars, shops 3,000. Many more worked in in the north-west and one of terraces and squares.





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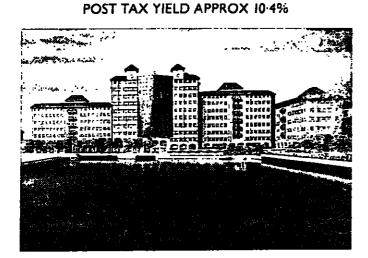
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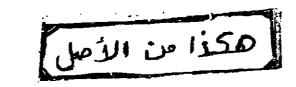
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Weekend when An academic philosophy that links students with the world of business comes to town

alford once provided the backdrop for L.S. Low-But today's attractions also ry's landscapes. This year, in contrast, it will host the National Trust's annual The Countryside Comes to Town". The event, during the end of June 23-24, preceded by a special education day for schools on June 22, is the trust's biggest and most varied countryside effort of the year and is to be held at the David Lewis playing fields in the centre of the city.

About 40 crafts, including sheep-shearing and fence-building, will be on display ongside subjects such as sand dune management that seem unlikely in this setting.

The trust says one reason for choosing Salford, after previous events in Birmgham, London and Morden. Surrey, was the city's concern for the environment - Salford was the first industrial centre to go smokeless. The trust also took into account that Salford has a city farm and part of the county aboretum within its borders, and 27 miles of rural footpaths through its urben

Janet Burgess, the event's administrator, says: "It is all about bringing the countryside into the inner cities and trying to encourage people who live there to recognize and use the ment for the Quays with its

le attracted by its past and modern developments. The two years. museum and art gallery, dating from 1849, is in The a peak just a few weeks ago Crescent, home of many of when David Trippier, the Salford's most beautiful old Environment Minister, was buildings, and boasts one of invited to release 10,000 fish the world's finest Lewry into the water. collections. The former city fire station converted into a ism and development director, photographic gallery and used for exhibitions is near by.

The Museum of Mining, recreates the history of a hard way of life. Part of the museum chester, straddles the Salford the other blue. boundary and Granada Teletion on the opposite side is being formed.

draw the crowds, especially Salford Quays. This area of-fers hotels, pubs, restaurants, an eight-screen cinema com plex and walkways. Salford has worked hard to improve its environment, as a way of enhancing its citizens' quality of life and helping its drive to attract new investment.

The cathedral, courts, town hall and fire station have all been restored, the River Irwell is being cleaned up and riverside walks provide a green pathway through the city linking ap with parks,

The generation of tourism and environmental improvements are closely connected and one of the most notable developments has been the success of a scheme to clean the water in the enclosed basin of the Quays. It would have been possible

of course, simply to pump in-huge amounts of chlorine but, although the water would have ugh the water would have ended up cleaner, it would have produced a sterile, life-

ustead, the city council worked with scientists from Manchester University, who produced a complete eco-system, a natural environcountryside areas that are on own naturally produced cleansing organisms. As a result, The city itself is developing there have now been fish and growing, regular tourist other aquatic life in the enclosed water hasin for almost

Roger Platt, Salford's toursays: "The results of the programme are absolu marvellous. You can now stand designed by Sir Charles Barry, at the Quays and look at the water in the Ship Canal and in the enclosed basin and you will plex at Castlefield, Man- see that one is just black and

Water-based sporting and vision wants to build on its leisure activities are set to successful studios tour by grow in the Quays and a City creating a Media City attrac- of Salford Water Youth Club

the countryside The 'can do' university

rofessor John Ash-worth, Salford University's innovative vice-chancellor, has no doubts about the kind of students he aims to attract or the impact they should have on the outside world after they graduate. "We want to train extrovert,

'can do' people to go out and alter things," he says. "We are not very interested in producing people who will reflect on the world as it goes by them. We expect our students to be out there changing it, leaving the reflection to others."
It is a philosophy and

approach to life that Ashworth not only preaches but also If Ashworth and his staff

had not had that "can do" mentality, the university might be part of history instead of enjoying a national and international reputation at the forefront of modern research and technology.

In 1981 Salford was suddenly faced with a 44 per cent cut in its University Grants Committee funding, the most severe imposed on any university and one that meant. starkly, that the institution, founded as the Royal Technical Institute in 1896, had to adapt or die.

The university established a network of relationships with local commerce and industry, a loose movement that eventually became Campus, the Campaign to Promote the University of Salford, whose aims were to promote and develop two-way relationships between Salford and outside

Before joining Campus, companies discuss with a liaison officer the ways in which the university's facilities can benefit it. Campus does not enter into commercial agreements itself but research and development work is passed on to the specially created Salford University Business Services Ltd (SUBSL), a company with a A BSc in construction man-staff of more than 100 and a turnover of more than £6.5 million. It is the largest university-based company of its kind in Britain and a key factor in generating the 44 per cent of Salford's total annual income that comes from out-



Meeting the 1990s challenges: Ashworth (left) and Allerton 'We want to train extroverts to go out and alter things'

The university pioneered the idea of integrated professors, senior managers of major commercial and industrial organizations who are also full university professors, bringing their boardroom knowledge to the lecture room and further strengthening Salford's close ties with industry.

British Aerospace, British Rail, Coopers & Lybrand, Unilever and British Nuclear Fuels are among the organizations sponsoring chairs. Salford's success has helped

to attract high-calibre students, and the number obtaining first-class degrees has doubled to more than 12 per

Under Ashworth's guidance the university has been ready to adapt to the changing demands of the outside world.

agement has been developed in conjunction with nine of Britain's leading construction companies, and the Information Technology Institute, opened in 1986 and 60 per cent funded by industry, is a flagship at Salford, a unique centre among British universities, open 24 hours a day and with a heavy commercial and industrial input.

he innovations, reflecting Ashworth's "can do" philosophy, are continuing. SUBSL manages the successful Salford University Business Park in partnership with the city conncil. The university has an agreement with the city's technology college, aimed at offering students a wider access to higher education and a greater choice both institutions the opportunity for developments that could not be undertaken independently.

Ashworth and Dr Roy Allerton, the college principal say the agreement is "an exciting and radical new model for higher education. designed to meet the challenges of the next decade".

Salford's reputation was boosted further when, against competition from 10 other centres, it was selected as the site for the National Advanced Robotics Research Centre, part of the Department of Trade and Industry's Advanced Robotics Initiative and funded with a £5 million government grant.

A committee at the university monitors its research to identify science and technology advances likely to produce industrial and commercial opportunities, under an agreement entered into by nine universities and polytechnics in the north-west.

The success story is part of the dynamic future that the city has ensured for itself against the odds. The university, with 4,700 students, is not large, but it has an impressive reputation and a

vision of where it is going. Ashworth says in a univer-sity publication: "We are a small institution and we have no pretensions to being all things to all people. We intend instead to be good at something quite precise and specific. We are an institution with a clearly defined purpose that of educating and training the next generation of those who will go into British

industry and commerce. "Many people see what has happened at Salford merely as a response to a cash crisis. But although finding other sources of support was paramount in the early stages, it has created a movement which is much bigger and more important, an

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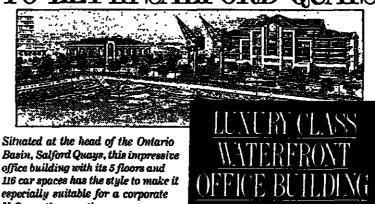
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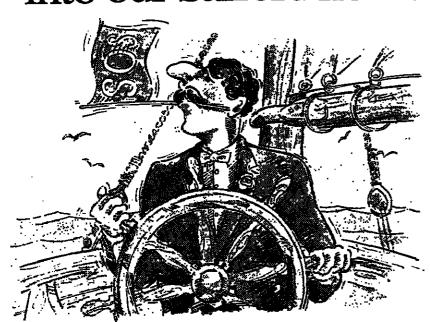
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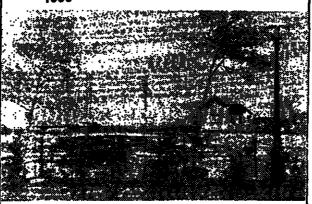
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Courts will devise new procedures to deal with multiplicity of similar cases cal and other experts was another potential cause for de-

and related appeals
Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Farquharson [Judgment February 12] Where large numbers of actions were brought with special features in common, the courts would devise new procedures

idented to meet the situation. However, that was a matter of pidicial administration, not of self-help by the parties, and litigants should not begin or transfer actions to particular courts which they had selected on the ground that their cases would thereby come to trial more quickly.

The Court of Appeal so tated, granting leave to appeal but dismissing appeals by Leon-ard Horrocks, Paul Rawes, De-nis Lane and John McEvatt, Groves affirming the registrar's order that the four actions begun by them against the Ford Motor Co Ltd should be transferred from Brentwood County Court to Liverpool

Mr John Hand, QC and Mr Paul Rose for the plaintiffs; Mr Ronald Livesey, QC and Mr Christopher Alldis for the

ROLLS said that very large

Halewood works in Merseyside and at Dagenham in Essex. The present plaintiffs had all been employed at Halewood.

Under Order 4, rule 2(1) of the County Court Rules 1981 a plaintiff was entitled to issue proceedings in the court for the district in which the defendant resided or carried on business or that in which the cause of action wholly or in part arose.

Accordingly the present plain-

accordingly the present plant-tiffs were entitled to issue proceedings either in the court for the Liverpool district, because of the defendants' business activities at Halewood, or in the Romford Court, because of their activities at Dagenham, or at Brentwood, where they had their registered office.

On their solicitors' advice the plaintiffs had chosen Brentwood County Court, in the belief that re were so many industrial deafness cases pending in the Liverpool courts that if they began their proceedings there the delay would be such as to deny them justice. The County Court Rules 1981 allowed the plaintiffs first choice

of the court to handle their efendants. claims, but the county court concerned had a general power THE MASTER OF THE under Order 16, rule 1 to transfer the case to another numbers of employees and ex-employees of the defendants of the defendants or of its own

The present defendants had accordingly applied for the claims to be transferred to Liverpool on the grounds that the plaintiffs lived in that district, the events complained of occurred there, the lawyers there, and any witnesses of fact

were likely to live in the area.

His Lordship referred to

Barclays Bank v Bemister
([1989] 1 WLR 128) where a similar problem had been before the court, although that decision concerned the somewhat artificial frontiers created by the divisions of the High Court. In that case it was sought to

transfer an action begun in the Queen's Bench Division to the Chancery Division on the sole ground that it would be dealt with more quickly in the latter The Court of Appeal had held

that that was not a valid ground for applying for a transfer, and that where there was a prospect of undue delay, the proper course was to apply to the judge in charge of the list for ex-pedition, leaving him to determine the degree of expedition called for, and how it could be

His Lordship emphasized that judges were not just individual state-appointed arbitrators whose sole duty was to

erally and were organized

accordingly.

In view of that, it was for them, with the assistance of the courts administration service and the cooperation of the Lord Chancellor, to watch for delays, bottlenecks and special situa-tions and to take appropriate If parties were to resort to self-

help by seeking to start actions in courts which they believed, probably mistakenly, were less busy than others, or by seeking to transfer cases on that ground, as opposed to seeking the assistance of the court properly seised of the matter, the result would be an uncontrolled and uncontrollable situation which could only be likened to a game of musical chairs, save that the

music would rarely stop.

In the present cases, all the factors pointed to the Liverpool district being the most convenient to the parties, and where the cases could most fairly be heard and determined. The scale of industrial deafness claims made by Ford employees and ex-employees had created a special situation which was being tackled both in Liverpool and Romford.

The court had not only relied because Romford was likely to

for industrial deafness. The the claim could be dealt with man body of such claims had more conveniently or fairly in arisen out of employment at the some other court.

The the claim could be dealt with cases. Collectively, they were made its own inquiries, thus develop as a specialized court so judges to industrial deafness adopting an investigatory role administration of justice gen-which was both appropriate and Brentwood would be transferred period between readiness for inevitable Standard court procedures

were designed for the determination of the general run of claims coming before the courts. But, if the courts were presented with large numbers of claims with special features in common they would devise new proceres specially adapted to such

The plaintiffs had relied on an alleged remark made by Mr Justice Otton given in a judg-ment on November 10, 1989 to the effect that there were some 23,000 similar cases proceeding in the Liverpool District Registry or in the county court. His Lordship did not know where the information had

come from, but it was accepted truth in Liverpool. In fact, however, the total number of industrial deafness cases begun in the Liverpool district courts was about 1,000, of which 740 had been begun since February 1989. New actions had been started at the rate of about 15 to 20 a week. In the Romford district, 1,600 cases had been begun and a further 800 were expected shortly, the final total expected

there was thought to be of the order of four to five thousand. His Lordship had mentioned Romford although in a dif-

Sociedade Nacional de

Combusitveis de Angola UEE and Others v Lundqvist and

Before Sir Nicolas Browe-Wil-

kinson, Vice-Chancellor, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord

There was no reason why a

defendant in civil proceedings who pleaded his innocence of a

fraud alleged against him, should not also be able to resist

discovery of documents on the ground of privilege against self-

incrimination and exposure to possible criminal proceedings.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing in part an appeal by Mr Stellan Lundqvist, the first

defendant, and SL Oil Executive

Services AG, the fourth defen-dant, against a decision of Mr

Justice Leggatt rejecting their claim for privilege against self-incrimination and upholding an

order, concerning discovery in

[asset-freezing order] obtained by the plaintiffs, Sociedade Nacional de Combustiveis de

Angola UEE and others, oblig-ing the appellants to make disclosure of their assets wher-

Mr Anthony Clarke, QC and Mr Simon Rainey for the appel-lants; Mr Alan Newman, QC

lants, Mr Alan Newman, QC and Mr Antony White for the

ever situated.

Justice Beldam

[Judgment January 31]

to Romford as a matter both of common sense and good admin-

Experience in Livernool and only a small proportion of cases which ever came to trial - 10 per cent in Romford - but it was of course impossible to predict

Accordingly, both courts had refrained from giving cases dates for trial until a much later stage than was usual, but both courts had earmarked periods for hearing such cases well in advance of the time when they could list the particular cases for hearing.

Accordingly, although Rom-

ford appeared to be full for 1990.

that was not the case. Time for hearing such cases had been allocated for 1990, but not the hearing dates for particular There was at present no sign that the allocated periods were

too short or too infrequent. ould that happen, the court would make the necessary The present situation in Liverpool was that if parties to a particular claim were ready for hearing, and wished for one, the

court could hear it in May, if the time estimate was under two days, and in July if longer. The presiding judge of the incuit had already allocated two

Privilege to resist discovery

in civil fraud allegation

It was said that there was

inconsistency in Mr Lundqvist

claiming the privilege against self-incrimination in circum-stances where the defence and counterclaim set up an affir-mative case as to the innocence

of the transactions in question.

Furthermore, that case had been

verified to a large extent by their

solicitor in an affidvit of information and belief.

affidavit, Mr Lundqvist had been careful to say that "on the

plaintiffs' case" he was clearly

exposed to criminal

proceedings.

That revealed the answer to

the point. It was the plaintiffs who said that Mr Lundqvist was

fraudulent. So it could not lie in

their mouth to say that he was not telling the truth when he

claimed that he would be in-criminated - or if they did the

inconsistency was theirs not his. His Lordship was inclined to

think that the answer would

have been the same if Mr

Lundqvist had personally sworn

affidavits saying that he had an innocent explanation of the

transactions and also that he

One or other of the affidavits would have been false and

perjured, but the court would

not know which; and it would

not be open to the plaintiffs to point to the affidavit of inno-

cence and claim that one to be

Lord Justice Beldam deliv-

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

agreeing, said that he was greatly concerned by the implications

of the decision, it was clear that

a properly formulated claim to

ered a concurring judi

the truth.

would in fact be incriminated.

However, in the relevant

Angola in order to provide equally valid claim to privilege on discovery in the main action. Now that the case had focused

hearing and the hearing itself was about 10 weeks. It was also a feature of the

cases that in the case of Romford all claims were handled by a single firm of solicitors on behalf of the plaintiffs and by a single from for the defendants. The position was not much nt in Liverpool.

Also the number of experts involved on each side was very Given those facts and also the

ettlement rate, if there was a bottleneck, it was more likely to be caused by delays in reaching the point of readiness for hearing, than in giving a hearing

· In recognition of that, the court had taken the initiative by listing cases for directions if the seemed to be progressing too

Solicitors acting for the parties, with the assistance of the Law Society, should give urgent consideration to whether their resources were adequate to deal with the number of cases they were being called on to handle. It had to be borne in mind that industrial deafness claims depended to an unusual extent on the history of each individual plaintiff so that each case could others, and each had to be

attention on the possibility of making such a claim for privi-

lege, many defendants in fraud actions would be able to raise

the same claim to privilege: the clearer the fraud alleged the

stronger would be the claim to

privilege against self-

In many cases of fraud the

proof of the fraud and the

which any judgment could be enforced fundamentally de-pended on the court's ability to

require the defendant to make

Although the privilege against

sequent criminal prosecution

pursuing his remedies under the

His Lordship expressed the

ments disclosed were not admis-

If that was not done, his Lordship feared that the effec-

tiveness of civil remedies de-

signed to redress fraud would be

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statute or at common law.

seriously impaired.

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in the Brentwood court.
Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Farquharson Solicitors: Deacon Goldrein

lay. Consideration should be

given to investigating whether a greater number of suitably

qualified experts could be

Liverpool and Romford were

under the overall supervision of

the presiding judges of the two circuits concerned, assisted by their circuit administrators and

Immediate responsibility

rested with the judges of the Liverpool and Romford courts and their court administrators.

All concerned were monitoring

closely the progress of all indus-

trial deafness cases, and would

not hesitate to make changes and take initiatives in the light

it was wrong in principle for the plaintiffs to have started their

actions in Brentwood, although

under the rules they were en-

titled to do so, and from the fact

that everything pointed to Liverpool as the appropriate

forum, it was clear that they would have had no advantage in

terms of an expedited bearing if

they had been allowed to remain

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Council erred in home plea

Green, Liverpool; Hill Dickinson Davis Campbell, Liverpool.

Regina v Peterborough City Council, Ex parte Carr Before Mr Justice Hutchinson

[Judgment February 8]] A local housing authority, when considering whether a person who was homeless had become so intentionally had to take into consideration the position of a person with whom the homeless person might reasonably be expected to live.

Section 60 of the Housing Act 1985 should be read incorporating the words of section 75.

Mr Justice Hutchinson so held in the Queen's Bench Division when granting certio-

rari to quash the decision of Peterborough City Council housing department by which self-incrimination was of great importance and should not be impaired, section 31 of the Theft they found that the applicant Act 1968 had shown the way to protect both the rights of the Tina Carr, had made herself intentionally homeless. Section 75 of the 1985 Act defendant in relation to subprovides: "... accommodation shall be regarded as available for and the rights of the plaintiff in

... occupation both by him and by any other person who might

ably be expected to reside The privilege against inwith him. . . crimination was removed but Mr Nicholas Blake for the the statements and documents obtained in the civil proceedings were not admissible in subapplicant; Mr David Lamming for the council. sequent criminal proceedings

MR JUSTICE HUTCHIN-SON said the applicant had been living with her sister in a flat provided by the council after their mother had moved away.

Tina Carr's boyfriend had consider as a matter of urgency, extending the provisions of section 31 of the Theft Act 1968 so as to remove the privilege been a frequent visitor and had often staved. There had been to all civil claims relating to contention concerning that and property (including claims for damages) but on the terms that a fight had occurred between the following which Tina Carr and her boyfriend, by whom she was sible in any criminal proceedings, including conspir-acy to defraud whether under

then pregnant, had left.
The sister had been prepared to take Tina Carr back but would not allow the boyfriend to return either to stay or as a visitor. The applicant had had her child, had become engaged to the boyfriend, with whom she

was then cohabiting. On being requested by the applicant's solicitors, the council had confirmed its decision that Tina Carr had become homeless intentionally and had rejected Desmond Young as a person she might reasonably be expected to wish to live with on the basis that within the terms of section 58 they had not, prior to leaving the flat, lived together. In the light of In re Islam (Tafazzul) ([1983] 1 AC 688) section 60 of the 1985 Act had to be understood in the light of section 75 and had to be read The authority should have addressed its mind to whether the boylinend was a person that

Tax losses carry forward on merger

Falmer Jeans Ltd v Rodin (Inspector of Taxes)

Before Mr Justice Millett [Judgment January 26]

The corporation tax provisions allowing the carry forward of accrued losses on company reconstructions in section 252 of the Income and Corporation
Taxes Act 1970 applied on the
merger of a marketing company
and its manufacturer, both com-

panies in the same group.

By assuming all the activities of the manufacturing company's trade, the marketing company brought itself within those relieving provisions and in relieving provisions and in particular within section 252(7). Mr Justice Millett so held in ing an appeal by way of case stated by the taxpayer company, Falmer Jeans Ltd, from a determination of a special commissioner that had dis-

missed its appeal agains espect of its profits for the three accounting periods ending December 1984, 1985 and 1986. Where a predecessor com-pany ceased to carry on a trade and another successor company began to carry it on, section 252(1) made provisions for the successor company to be en-titled to relief under section 177(1) of the 1970 Act (carry forward of losses) for trading losses sustained by the

Section 252(7) provides: "Where, on a company ceasing to carry on a trade, another company begins to carry on the activities of the trade as part of its trade, then that part of the trade carried on by the successor

Before Lord Justice Mann and

Apart from a fairly parrow range

of exceptions, Parliament in-tended proceedings for con-tempt of court under the strict

liability rule to be commenced only by or with the consent of

the Attorney General. The Queen's Bench Di-

visional Court so held in

dismissing an application to commit to prison, Peter Top-ping and Jean Ritchie, the

authors of the book Topping — The Autobiography of the Police Chief in the Moors Murder Case,

and Barry L. D. Winkleman, Peter W. Stehrenberger and Paul

R. Middleton, directors of An-

gus & Robertson (UK) Ltd, the

of court were brought by and on behalf of Mr Kevin Taylor at the

instigation of Judge Sachs at

The proceedings for contempt

publishers of the book.

[Judgment February 9

it is that subsection (1) . . . has effect on that event in relation to

Those provisions were re-enacted in section 343 of the Income and Corporation Taxes The taxpayer company was a member of an international

group that manufactured and sold jeans. From 1966 to 1983 it ans. From 1966 to 1983 it would buy cloth and have it made into jeans by FM Ltd, a company in the same group. The making-up and supplying of jeans to the taxpayer company for cost plus a margin formed the whole of FM's trade From 1979 onwards FM in-

curred losses and in December 1983 it ceased trading. The taxpayer company took over all of FM's assets and thereafter it carried on all of the manufacturing activities of FM.

The taxpayer company claimed that it had taken over all the activities of FM's trade and was therefore, by virtue of the provisions of section 252, entitled to carry forward losses of FM of £543,663. The claim was rejected by a tax inspector on the basis that the trade of FM, being entirely with the taxpayer company, was not taken over by the taxpayer company but ceased to exist.

for the taxpayer company; Mr Alan Moses for the Crown. MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that the question was whether the taxpayer company had begun to carry on the trac previously carried on by FM Ltd. It turned on the true

construction of section 252, and

Leave to move was granted on

September 21, 1989 by Mr Justice Scott Baker sitting as a

vacation judge in Manchester. By a letter dated September 27, 1989 the Attorney General re-

fused his consent to issue con-

Section 1 of the Contempt of

Court Act 1981 provides: "In this Act 'the strict liability rule'

means the rule of law whereby

conduct may be treated as a

contempt of court as tending to

interfere with the course of justice in particular legal proceedings regardless of intent

Section 7 provides: "Proceed-

ings for a contempt of court

under the strict liability rule . . .

shall not be instituted except by or with the consent of the

Attorney General or on the

motion of a court having juris-

diction to deal with it."

tempt proceedings.

Mr Graham Aaronson, OC,

of this section as a separate in particular section 252(7) of section (7) came into operation, trade, if the effect of so treating it is that subsection (1)... has Three decisions, all dealing should be made of receipts and

with different legislation, pro-vided the legal context in which those statutory provisions were to be understood: Bell v Nat-ional Provincial Bank of England Ltd ((1903) 5 TC 1); Briton
Ferry Steel Co Ltd v Barry
((1939) 23 TC 414) and Laycock
v Freeman Hardy & Willis ((1938) 22 TC 288). Those cases showed that

under the old law there was no succession to a trade where the business which was acquired was afterwards carried on by the successor as an integral part of his business, unless thereafter the successor's business as a whole could properly be described in the same terms as would have been used to describe the predecessor's business and unless the profits or part of them realized by the successor could be identified as attributable to the busin which had been acquired with-out any artificial dissection or

apportionment of receipts so as to produce a notional profit. Section 252(1) required that the successor, the taxpayer company, carry on the very same trade as the predecessor. But section 252(7) extended the scope of section 252(1); the subsection directed attention towards the trading "activities" rather than the trade, and those had to be identified rather than

An analysis of section 252(1) and (7) showed that the "activities of a trade" was not a trade. The appeal would be synonym for "trade" It was significant that section 252(8) provided that when the ng provisions of sub-

trial which was heard between October 20, 1989 and January 1,

1990 when he was acquitted on

all counts by direction of the

Some few weeks before the

trial had commenced, the book

Topping - The Autobiography of the Police Chief in the Moors

Murder Case had been pub-lished. The book was largely devoted to the Moors Murders

with glancing references to other

One such glance was at p281:

"A senior detective superintendent, now retired, came to see me. While playing golf he had met a respectable Manchester businessman who had told him that John Stalker

was connected with a man called Kevin Taylor, who associated

Power to bring strict liability contempt case

expenses.

That showed that the requirement of section 252(7) might be satisfied even though the trading longer turned to account or charged for separately but were absorbed into a single trade in which the profits were realized by global receipts which did not distinguish between the various activities by which they were

On taking over FM's trade, the taxpayer company began to carry on the manufacturing activities for reward: profits were earned by selling the finished articles.

It was the purposes of section 252(7) to allow carry-forward relief in situations not covered by section 252(1) and specifically in situations where the predecessor's trading activities were carried on by the successor but would be differently described when carried on as part of the successor's trade; and where the profits from those activities were realized in the form of global receipts which did not distinguish between the different activities from which they were earned.

The taxpayer company had atisfied the requirement of section 252(7) so that the pro-visions of section 252(1) were to be applied to the activities taken over by the taxpayer company from FM as if it were a separate

Solicitors: Constant & Constant; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

it seemed to their Lordships that the proceedings were academic.

The only question which was of some interest arose under

In the present case the Attor-

ney General declined to consent to the institution of proceedings. Reliance was placed on the

decision of the circuit judge, but

Although the circuit judge

indoubtedly had jurisdiction to

deal with a contempt in his face, he had no jurisdiction to deal

with a contempt in a book such

MR JUSTICE BROOKE said

that except in a fairly narrow range, Parliament intended

proceedings for contempt under

commenced by or with consent

he strict liability rule only to be

ction 7 of the Act.

that was not sufficient.

LORD JUSTICE MANN injuriously offend the proceedings. Now that the matter at the manchester businessman, had been a defendant in a criminal with the discharge of Mr Taylor

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the intiffs' claim was that Mr Lundavist conspired with othtotalling over \$88 million. That was said was to have been done by arranging the sale of Angolan oil or oil products at less than the market price and then arranging a resale by the

purchaser in such a manner that profit enured to the benefit of Mr Lundqvist or companies which he controlled.

privilege against incrimination could be put forward by Mr The defence, in broad terms, was that those transactions were

Lundqvist.

If he had a valid claim to privlege on discovery in aid of a Mareva injunction, it seemed

Care order was made prematurely

In re S (Minors)

The court should not make a long-term order for the care and control of young children without having before it clear pro-posals for providing them with a

Moreover, where proceedings over the future of the matrimonial home were pending, issues as to care and control of the children should be dealt with at the same time as that matter and by the same judge.

The Court of Appeal (Lord

1989 giving the care and control of two young children to the

mother.
MRS JUSTICE BOOTH said that the mother of the children, aged nine and five, had not thought out the long-term accommodation plans and the position regarding the matrimonial home was not yet

Her proposals would lead to an itinerant life that the recorder

from an order of Mr Assistant of moving around and being Recorder Howells in Haverfordwest County Court in October without a settled base was of without a s corder should have considered il A court should not make a long-term order without know-ing what the accommodation oposals were.
As matters concerning the

matrimonial home and finan-cial claims under sections 23 and 24 of the Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 were pending before the court, the future of the children should be determined at the same time. All

interpolating its words. might reasonably be expected to live with the applicant. Solicitors: Buckle Mellows, Peterborough; Mr M. E. Pear-

Mr Philip Cox, QC, Mr Ian McCulloch and Mr David Hood regularly with people believed to be involved in serious organized of the Attorney General. September 21, 1989 who di-Solicitors: Betesh Fox & Co, Manchester, Mr Daniel B. for Mr Taylor, Mr Charles Gray, QC and Mr Desmond Browne for the respondents. Justice Lloyd and Mrs Justice Booth) so held on February 14, when allowing a father's appeal matters should go back to the crime in Manchester." had not wholly appreciated or considered. county The effect on young children a judge. There was no evidence what-Meaning of 'a child capable of being born alive' in infant protection Act

Rance v Mid-Downs Health
Authority and Another
Before Mr Justice Brooke

destroy the life a child capable of Mr John Grace for the had passed the stage when it could have been lawfully act causes a child to die before it Authority and Another Before Mr Justice Brooke

[Judgment February 5] The words "a child capable of being born alive" in section 1 of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 meant capable of existing as a live child, breathing ving by reason of its breathing through its own lungs alone, without deriving any of its living or power of living by or through any connection with its

Once a foetus had reached a state of development in the womb that it was capable, if born, of possessing those attributes, it was capable of being born alive within the meaning of the 1929 Act.

The 1929 Act indicated a policy decision by Parliament that the sanctity of the lives of children capable of being born alive was to be respected by law.

Parliament did not intend to change that policy when it made major changes in the law relat-ing to abortion in the Abortion

Mr Justice Brooke so held in Mr Justice Brooke so neto in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing a claim for damages for negligence against the defen-dants, Mid-Downs Health Authority and Dr Bernard Storr. Rance, whose child John, now aged 6½, was born with spina bifida. brought by Lorna and Reginald

Section 1 of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929

"(1) Subject as bereinafter in this subsection provided, any person who, with intent to Mr Philip Naughton, QC and

has an existence independent of its mother shall be guilty of [an offence]. . . "Provided that no preson

shall be found guilty of an offence under this section unless it is proved that the act which caused the death of the child was not done in good faith for the purpose only of preserving the life of the mother. "(2) For the purposes of this

Act, evidence that a woman had at any material time been pregnant for a period of twenty-eight weeks or more shall be prima facie evidence that she was at that time pregnant of a child capable of being born

Section 1 of the Abortion Act 1967 provides: "(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a person shall not be guilty of an offence under the law relating to abortion when a pregnancy is terminated by a registered medical practitioner

if two registered medical practitioners are of the opinion, formed in good faith — . . (b) that there is a substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously handicapped. . . ".

By section 5: "(1) Nothing in this Act shall affect the provisions of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929 (protecting the life of the viable focus)."

MR JUSTICE BROOKE said John Rance was born at Cuckfield Hospital on September 13, 1983. He was of above average intelligence and a very friendly, interested boy.

However, he had no sensation in his lower limbs or the sacral region of his spine and the reflexes in his lower limbs were aids and his bladder and bowel functions were seriously

His care had imposed exceptionally heavy burdens on his parents, particularly his mother. Although those burdens had been shouldered with devotion, John's mother believed it would have been better for her had John never been born.

The parents claimed damages from the Health Authority and The essence of the claim was that if the defendants had not been negligent when a radiographer at the hospital raised a query as to whether John had what she described as a foetal spine following an ultrasound scan on 9 June 1983, on the balance of probability the pregnancy would have been terminated and the plaintiffs

would have been spared the

shock, trauma, distress and pain associated with the birth and the

subsequent cost of bringing up a severely handicapped child.

The defendants denied neg-ligence and said that in any

They said that in those circumstances considerations of public policy demanded that the plaintiffs should not be entitled to recover damages even if igence was proved.

The action raised difficult issues of law because any termination of Mrs Rance's pressure and the control of th nancy could not have taken place until she was over 27 weeks pregnant.

It raised for decision for the first time in an English court in the context of a pregnancy of that length the meaning of the words "capable of being born alive" in section I of the Infant Life (Preservation) Act 1929. On the evidence, his Lordship was sure that there were in 1983

competent obstetric surgeons available who would have been available who would have been willing to terminate Mrs Rance's pregnancy before the end of its twenty-eighth week in the bona fide belief that such a termination would have been

John's probable are on June 9, 1983, when the radiographer made her observation was 26 weeks and two days, plus or minus five days for uncertainty. In his Lordship's judgment, if John had been born at 27 weeks gestation, he would certainly have been born alive in the sense that he could have breathed unaided for at least two or three hours and probably

There were no grounds on

which he could have lawfully been deprived of the chance to

hive, whatever his parents' lar child of under 28 weeks wishes.

His Lordship went on to being born alive, the defendant consider whether at the time of a hypothetical abortion John would have been a child "capable of being born alive" within the meaning of the 1929

Section 58 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861 outlawed all abortions, at whatever stage of pregnancy. That Act was still in force subject to the modifying effect of the Abortion Act 1967.

In 1929 the law protected the foctus in utero by prohibiting acts done unlawfully to procure a miscarriage. It protected the child which was born as a live child, breathing and living without any connection with its mother (per Mr Justice Brett in R v Handley ((1874) 13 Cox CC

But it gave no protection to the child while it was in the process of being born and before it had been completely separated from its mother. At that intermediate stage the extinction of a child's life was not at that time an offence. His Lordship was satisfied that that was the mischief

Parliament had intended to

remedy by enacting the 1929

Parliament created the rebuttable presumption that a child of over 28 weeks gestation was capable of being born alive but was otherwise silent on matters of evidential proof. Therefore if the Crown succeeded in proving beyond reasonable doubt that a particuwould be convicted of an offence under the 1929 Act if the other ingredients of the offence were proved. The meaning of the words

"capable of being born alive" was clear. The child was born alive if after birth it existed as a live child, that is to say breathing and living by reason of its breathing through its own lungs alone, without deriving any of its living or power of living by or through any connection with its His Lordship did not consider

that the enactment of section 5(1) of the 1967 Act changed or modified the meaning of the 1929 Act in any way. The word "viable" in that section was simply being used as convenient shorthand for the words "ca-pable of being born alive" and Parliament had not intended in 1967 to change the effect of the

He was satisfied to a very high standard of proof that John would have been capable of being born alive at the time any hypothetical abortion had taken place and that the abortion would therefore have been unlawful. Rejecting the claim for neg-ligence, he said Dr Storr had taken the view that by the time

the possibility of John's abnormality was spotted it was too late to contemplate a termination because the child was by then capable of being born

In that he was adopting an

approach to his professional derived from that opportunity, duties which was accepted as if it had been available to them, proper by a responsible body of skilled medical men.

He and others who shared his new at the time had developed their approach to proper prac-tice on an appreciation of the law which his Lordship had found to be correct.

However, even if he had reached a different conclusion on the law, his Lordship certainly would not, on the facts, be disposed to make a finding of professional negligence against responsible medical men who based their practices on a reasonable belief, shared by many of their colleagues, about the relevant law, even if that belief turned out to be wrong when the law was authontatively determined in the

This was a case in which the opportunity of which the plain-tiffs claimed that they were wrongfully deprived would necessanly have involved the commission of an illegal act. The plaintiffs had submitted that had Mrs Rance actually

undergone an abortion no jury would have convicted the doctor who carried it out. But Gray v Barr ([1971] 20B 554) showed that judges in a civil court must not be swayed from making appropriate find-ings by a merciful verdict of a

It was ultimately a question of policy whether the courts would be willing to compensate plaintitls if they had been deprived wrongly of an opportunity if the only benefit they could have and Hempsons.

jury in a criminal irial.

would have accrued to them through their participation in a It was for Parliament and not for the judges to create policy in

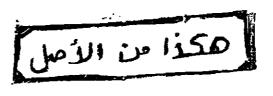
difficult and contentious fields where the rival contentions were not justiciable in any ordinary His Lordship had no difficulty in detecting in the 1929 Act a policy decision by Par-

liament that the law should respect the sanctity of the lives of children capable of being born alive. He also had no difficulty in concluding that Parliament did not intend to change that policy by the 1967 The issues in this case were concerned with the sanctity of

human life and the plaintiffs could not have put their lost opportunity to benefit without breaking a law which reflected the policy of Parliament that potential human life at that tage of gestation was to be treated as inviolable except in the circumstances expressly recognized in the Act when the mother's life is in danger.

Once the court was satisfied that the plaintiffs could only have turned their lost opportunity to value by terminating the life of a child who on the balance of probabilities was capable of being born alive, it would be the duty of the court to deny them

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard: Capstick Hamer & Co, Putney

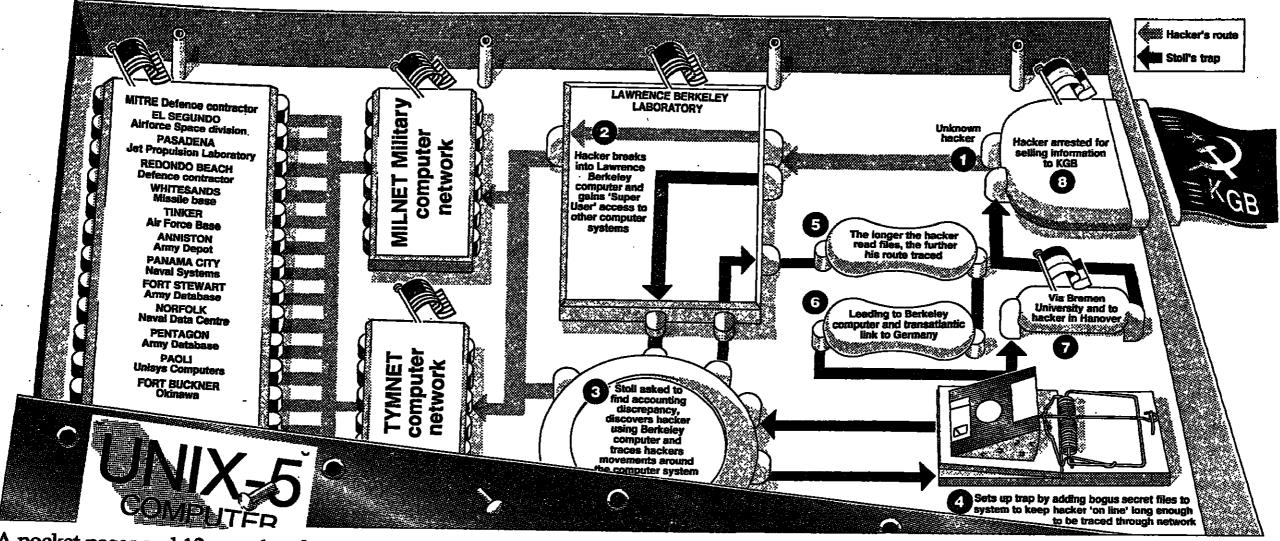


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How I caught the KGB hacker



A pocket pager and 12 months of perseverance helped Clifford Stoll track a 'super user', using his system to leapfrog into US military data

If he came by once more, we'd have him. But the deadline was tomorrow night. Saturday, when the German telephone technicians would give up the chase. Would he show up?

"Martha, you don't want to hear this, but I'm sleeping at the lab again. This may be the end of the road, though." 'That's the dozenth time

vou've said that." Probably was. But this time it felt different. The hacker hadn't read all our bogus files. In the 45 minutes that he'd linked into our system, he listed about a third of the data. He knew there was more, so why didn't he stay around and

All the more likely that he'd come back soon. So once i crawled under my desk and fell asleep to the sound of a computer disk drive whining in the distance.

I woke up, for once, without a beeper squawking in my ear. Just a peaceful Saturday morning, alone in a sterile office, staring up at the bottom of my desk. Oh well, I'd tried. Since nobody else was around, I started to play with

an astronomical program, trying to understand how mistakes in mirror-grinding affect images from a telescope. It was almost working when my beeper called at 8.08am.

A quick jog down the hall, and a glance at the monitor's screen. There's the hacker, just logging into the Unix-5 computer, on one of his old account names, Mark. No time to figure what he's doing here, just spread the word fast. Call Tymnet (an international data communications company), and let them call the Bundespost. "Hi Steve!"

"The hacker's back on, eh?" Steve must have heard it in the tone of my voice. Yep. Can you start the

"Here goes." He was gone for 30 seconds - it couldn't have been a full minute when he announced, "He's coming from Bremen this

"I'll tell Wolfgang at the Bundespost." Steve hung up while I watched the hacker on my screen. Every minute he visited, we were that much closer to unmasking him.

Yes, there he was, methodi-cally reading our false data files. With every bureaucratic memo he read, I felt more satisfied, knowing he was being misled in two ways: his information was patently false, and his arrogant strides through our computer were leading him straight into our

"At 8.40, he left our computer," Steve White called back within a minute. "The Germans traced him

A historic family portrait of the planets of

our solar system has been taken this week

by the Voyager I spacecraft (Pearce

Wright reports). It will be "the picture of

the century", says Dr Candy Hansen, imaging expert for the photographic

project, controlled from the Jet Propul-

sion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

She says: "The pictures will dem-

onstrate this fragile body - Earth - out

there among its neighbours." The picture

data will not be played back to tracking

stations on Earth until late March.

he trace almost Asked to investigate why there reached the hacker, was a 75-cent shortfall in a bill for the use of a Californian computer, system manager Clif-ford Stoll discovered a hacker using the computer as a stepping stone to break into dozens of sensitive military and intelligence networks searching for classified information.

It was the start of a year-long must by Stoll, assisted by his girlfriend (now wife) Martha. Stoll was determined to catch the culprit despite initial indif-ference by the American criminal investigation agency, the FBI, and the intelligence organization, the CIA.

organization, the CIA.
Stoll had accepted the computer job at the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory only after a grant
for his first passion, astronomy,
had run out. Yet it was his
wentually perseverance which eventually resulted in the arrest of West German Markus Hess, allegedly part of a ring selling sensitive information to the KGB.

Last week Stoll went to Celle,

the crucial moment when, hav-ing set up files of dummy secret information and after many nights sleeping in the office, he GAMEKEEPER

In this extract, Stoll describes



The players: Hess (left) the alleged hacker, and Stoll (right)

'There he was, reading our false data files. his arrogant strides were leading him straight into our arms'

Pictures will be shown soon after. The

tiny spacecraft, perched more than 3.7

billion miles from Earth looked down on

the nine planets in their individual

orbits. Mercury was too close to the Sun

and Pluto too small and far away to show

The experiment was a triumph for

Voyager 1, which was launched on September 5, 1977, flew past Jupiter in

March 1979, Saturn in November 1980,

then went on to an encounter with

Neptune's moon, Titan. Since then, it

through the University of Bremen again," he said. "From there, into Hanover." Did they make any progress in getting his phone

"Wolfgang says they've got all the digits of his phone number except the last two.' All but the last two digits? That didn't make sense - it meant that they'd traced the call to a group of one hundred phones. "But that's worse than yesterday, when they said they'd isolated him to one of 50 phones.

At 10.17, he came back. By now, Martha had bicycled up Milnet (the US military comto the lab, and the two of us puter network) into a com-

in the images.

(Strategic Defence Initiative) files to feed him. This time, he wasn't interested in SDI files. Instead, he went out over the Milnet, trying to break into military computers. One by one, trying to guess his way

He concentrated on Air Force and Army computers, occasionally knocking on the Navy's door. Places I'd never heard of, like the Air Force Weapons Lab, Descom Headquarters, Air Force CC OIS, the CCA-amc. Fifty places, without success.

past their protection.

Then he slid across the were busy inventing new SDI puter named Buckner. He got

munications Centre in Building 23, Room 121, of Fort Buckner. That much was obvious: the computer greeted

named "guest".

right in. . . didn't even need a

password on the account

other, then at the screen. He'd

Martha and I looked at each

fourth man, Karl Koch, who came up with the idea of selling information to the Soviets for I million marks (£360,000). Koch, broken into the Army Comwho had turned states evidence with a fifth man, committed suicide in May. the hacker with its address. The prosecution has alleged that Carl made at least 25 contacts with the Soviets and But where's Fort Buckner? About all I could tell was that its calendar was wrong. It

the trial of Hess, Dirk Brzesinski and Peter Carl, three of the five men arrested last March.

Computer specialist Brzes-inski told the court that it was a

received more than £30,000. It has also alleged that passwords from computers in Japan and said today was Sunday, and I knew it was Saturday. Martha Europe were sold to the Soviets.
Stoll is being chased by Hollywood for the film rights and has written a book about the search, which has already sold more than 100,000 in the US and is published in Britain this week. took charge of the monitors, and I ran to the library, returning with their own familiar atlas. "Hey, Martha, you're not

going to believe this, but the hacker's broken into a computer in Japan. Here's your Fort Buckner," I said, pointing to an island in the Pacific Ocean. "It's on Okinawa."

What a connection! From Hanover, Germany, the hacker linked to the University of Bremen, across a transatlantic cable into Tymnet, then into my Berkeley computer, and into the Milnet, finally reaching Okinawa.

"If he's so interested in military gobbledegook," Mar-tha asked, "why not enlist?"

wasn't bored. He listed as many text files skipping only the programs and Unix utilities. A bit after II in the morning, he finally

grew tired and logged off.
While he'd circled the globe with his spiderweb of connections, the German Bundespost had homed in on him.

The phone rang - it had to be Steve White. "Hi, Cliff," Steve said. "The trace is complete."

"The Germans got the guy?" "They know his phone

"Well, who is he?" I asked. "They can't say right now, but you're supposed to tell the

FBL"
"Just tell me this much. Is it a computer or a person?" "A person with a computer at his home. Or should I say,

at his business. At last, the trace was over. The police would bust him, he'd be arraigned, we'd press charges, and he'd be pacing a jail cell. So I thought.

But more important, my research was finished. Five months ago, I asked myself, How come my accounts are imbalanced by 75 cents? That question had led me across the country, under the ocean, through defence contractors and universities, to Hanover, Germany.

After all these months, the problem was solved. We'd thrown a net around the cuckoo.

◆ The Cuckoo's Egg (The Bod-ley Head, £12.95) by Clifford Stoll is published this week. ly portrait in space

has been cruising towards the edge of the

Voyager 1 began this week's shoot with

three narrow-angle shots of Neptune, the

planet visited by Voyager 2 last Angust, then a series of narrow-angle views of

Uranus, Saturn for more narrow-angle

views. The camera then moved towards

the inner solar system, photographing the

Sun, Venus, Earth and, it is hoped, Mars

- a difficult shot from Voyager I's

position - before finishing the photocall

solar system.

with Jupiter.

THE KGB'S SHOPPING LIST: SECRETS AND SOFTWARE - PRICE 2100,000

three computer hackers, including Markus Hess the computer programmer tracked down by Clifford Stoll, marks the first time that those breaking into computers have been charged with an offence as serious as esplonage.

Hess, Dirk Brzesinski and Peter Carl are accused of selling military secrets, swords and codes to the Soviets. They face up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

Five men were originally arrested by the West German police last March. Two turned states evidence, one of them later committing suicide.

The three left to face trial are charged with supplying the Soviet KGB intelligence service with information obtained illegally from American and other Westem military, research and commercial computer systems spanning 12 countries. They are also charged with selling the Soviets computer programs and a

copy of a computer security system.

More specifically, the prosecution alleges that the hackers made about 25 deliveries of data to a KGB agent in East Berlin over a period of more than two years beginning in September 1986 and

received almost £30,000 in payment. Political ideology did not enter into it, with the prosecution alleging that two of the five originally involved needed to support drug habits, and pay for the costly telephone bills to hack into computers around the world.

The KGB has long been interested in penetrating top secret Western computer systems. Hence the initial offer to supply sensitive information, allegedly made by one of the hackers who went to East Berlin, was said to have been quickly accepted with an inital payment of £10,000 for printouts and passwords.

Whether the information supplied was really so secret is still a matter of argument. At the time of the arrest, the Bonn government said that the breakup of the ring had been a "a severe blow to the KGB".

But American and other West German officials argue that the hackers had gained access only to the edges of systems that held secret information. But the KGB were just as, if not more. interested in the fact that if the hackers

could supply information from such classified computers and networks, they could also tell the KGB itself which

certain computers and how the US military computer network operated.

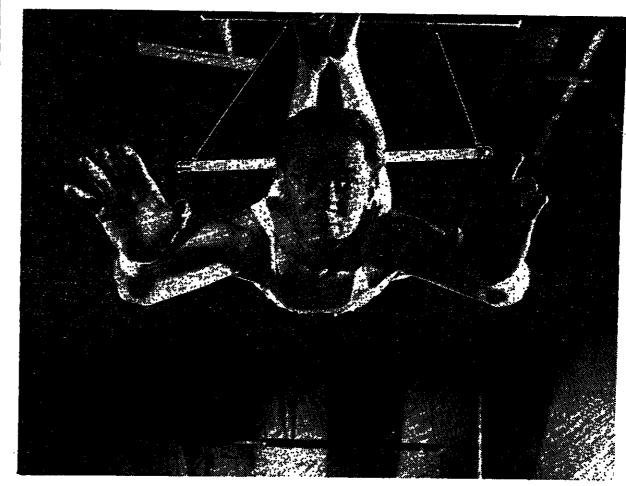
In addition to military information on projects such as the Strategic Defence intitiative or Star Wars, the KGB also wanted sensitive, if not secret, commercial research data on the latest developments in western technology.

The KGB's shopping list is said to have included integrated circuit designs, computer aided manufacturing information and, especially, operating system software under US export controls.

It is alleged, for example, to have offered nearly £100,000 for copies of an operating system made by Digital Equipment.

Two of the hackers are alleged to have met the KGB at least a dozen times, offering them details of a Unix operating system, designs for gallium arsenide chips and the computer programs used to engineer computer memory chips.

The information is said to have effectively given the Soviets enough background information to design very



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Clearing the way on clots

Pearce Wright

on a discovery

that helps explain how blood works

gun in Britain and the United States on a substance that could transform treatments to stop the formation of life-threatening blood clots, which can cause paralysis and complications in

The development could also provide treatment against the stress-related shock suffered in accidents that can cause collapse and breathing failure.

The advance is the culmination of more than 15 years of investigation. It involves separate discovcries across the world that have revised textbook ideas about the prevention and formation of clots and opened the way to the genetic engineering of a newly recognized super-family of natural protein molecules, called serpins, that could combat a range of illnesses.

Behind the breakthrough lies a remarkable scientific detective story of research into molecular biology and the application of genetic engineering to medicine.

A crucial chapter was provided by a 14-year-old American boy who suffered a baffling and fatal episodic bleeding condition.

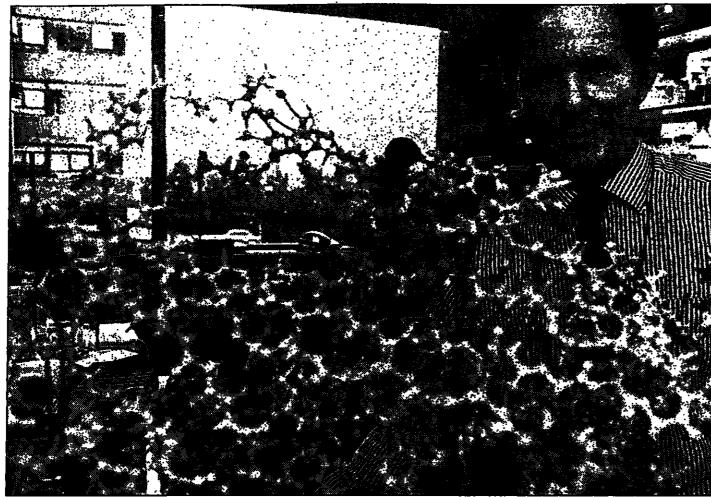
A long-term study of his blood, which had to be replaced frequently by transfusion, eventually revealed the timiest change in one of its thousands of molecules. The finding created a new

understanding of how clotting and Professor Robin Carrell, a key figure in the investigation, says: "The search would probably make

looking for a needle in a haystack an easy proposition." Carrell, professor haematology at the University School of Clinical Medicine at idge, organized the British trials of

Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambrthe new anticoagulant, designed in collaboration with the Medical Research Council's Laboratory of Molecular Biology, also in He clearly recalls reading the

paper published in a medical journal by the desperate physicians from Pittsburgh, in 1978,



Professor Robin Carrell: his research began after reading an article about a 10-year-old American boy with a rare, and fatal, bleeding disease

when their patient was 10. An anomaly in the composition of the blood analysis struck a chord with Carrell, who was in New Zealand investigating the structure of several of the large protein molecules in the blood.

The detailed structure of the main proteins of the blood was unknown. Our understanding was a bit like the map of Africa two centuries ago," he says.

The two main treatments for preventing clots are based on chance discoveries, Carrell says. They are beparin, derived from animal tissue and injected into the patient, and tablets containing an active ingredient based on the plant extract warfarin.

"The early research con-centrated on factors that led to the formation of a clot. The new advance came from trying to understand why blood wasn't clotting all the time," Carrell says. The trouble occurs quite often

in the relatively young, either spontaneously or as a result of the stress of pregnancy or surgery. European studies show that one

in 800 people develop clots that cause thromboses. Investigations by the Cambridge group of families in Britain suggest that about a third of cases are due to an inherited pre-disposition causing abnormalities

arrell says the recent understanding shows that it is best to describe the normal biochemical processes as achieving a balance between coagulation and

in the natural anticoagulants.

anticoagulation.

In coagulation following a wound, the damaged cells combine with blood platelets to start a series of biochemical reactions. A substance called thrombin is produced, giving rise to the forma-tion of fibrin, which can form the

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matrix for a clot. An alternative reaction can give rise to the major

Carrell says that when studying the possible inherited or environmental explanations for premature clotting among people in Britain, the Cambridge group identified a number of defects in the biochemistry of individuals. By far the most important was

the detection of abnormalities in anti-thrombin. Normally, the anticoagulant is most effective when activated by heparin, which binds to a part of the antithrombin molecule. Yet heparin only exists as a natural entity when it is made deliberately as a medication de-

rived from animal tissue. In a healthy person it forms part of a larger molecule attached to the walls of blood vessels from where it is released when needed. The doctors treating the young

American patient recognized they

were faced with a powerful anticoagulant which did not need to be activated by heparin.

The culprit turned out to be another of the protein molecules in the blood, but one associated with emphysema. Although cigarette smokers are prone to the disease, it can be caused by a genetic deficiency that produces a minute biochemical change in a substance called antitrypsin.

Carrell's group established that the American boy had an equally tiny, but different, biochemical change that transformed the molecule, now known as alpha-1 antitrypsin Pittsburgh, into an anticoagulating agent as powerful as anti-thrombin. Carrell says it is "a mutation, or an experiment in nature of genetic engineering".

Scientists have used that knowledge to genetically create cell cultures to sythesize the aplha-1 variation, producing the anticoagulant now being tested.

BRIEFING

Miscarriage disaster link



carriages in Norway appears to have jumped 16 per cent in the autumn following the Chernobyl disaster, according to a study by Professor

Magnar Ulstein of the Haukland Hospital in Bergen. While not wanting to dramatize the figures until further studies, Ulstein said the numbers were intriguing and had frightening perspectives if they were directly linked with the disaster at Chernobyl. Foctuses are believed to be especially vulnerable to internal radiation ingested through food.

The study, published in the latest issue of the journal of the Norwegian Medical Association, covered six Norwegian counties and discovered an overall increase in miscariages of 12 per cent in the year since the disaster which occured on April 26 1986.

High-speed IBM

IBM, the world's largest computer company, will today announce a new range of fast computer workstations that will include the ability to produce high quality graphics and to write new programs faster, using chunks of pre-written code as building blocks. Unlike the sales of personal computers, where growth rates are slowing to single figures, workstations are still a booming market as the financial world starts to make use of the speeds which initially appealed to scientists and

Expected to cost from £12,000, the new computers will use a version of the Unix operating system designed to allow programs to be developed for any

Cross Channel



After centuries apart, the ancient Celtic kingdoms of Cornwall and Brittany are to be reunited in an effort to get joint funding for trade and technology projects

from the European Commission. John Caff, managing director of the privately funded Cornwall Development Company, who is due to fly to Brittany today to continue discussions, said: "We have firms here which sell produce to Brittany such as horticultural

products and fishing equipment. We even have people in Cornwall

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exporting snails. The object is to draw these together and build on the links." Joint proposals include using the telecommunications, satellite communications and information technology expertise of Exeter University, Plymouth's Polytechnic South West with Breton institutes.

Planted evidence

Botanists have identified a tiny fossilized plant, barely one inch high, as the world's oldest known flower. It would have lived 120 million years ago. Describing it as resembling today's black pepper plant, scientists at Yale University said it was probably a drab green or beige colour. It could represent a kind of missing link needed to understand plant evolution.

Moon campers



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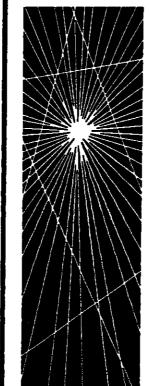
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Fertile hope in hormone

genetically engineered form of the human growth hor-mone, which is naturally Planted exp secreted from the pituitary gland in the brain, has been used by British doctors to enable infertile women to have children.

Researchers say the hormone could be the key to treating other conditions, as well as helping abnormally short children to become taller. The latest success is one of the biggest advances in the therapeutic potential of the hormone since it was isolated 34 years ago. It has already resulted in the birth of about 20 babies in British clinics. Techniques pioneered in hospitals in London and Manchester may eventually become a standard treatment for some types of female infertility and could help overcome infertility in men.

The use of human growth hormone (known as HGH) until recently has been confined to the treatment of dwarfism or other congenital growth disorders because of limited supplies of the substance. But genetic engineering has overcome the shortage, and it

can now be put to other uses.

Specialists in Denmark believe that childen born with HGH deficiency can attain normal height if diagnosed early in life and then given high doses of the hormone at frequent intervals throughout their childhood and adol-

Without treatment, boys with HGH deficiency may reach barely 120cm about 4ft - tall at the age of 18. Thomson Prentice describes a growth therapy that helps induce pregnancy

Jacobs: 10 healthy babies

Current therapy helps them reach about 155cm, about 20cm below the

average height of an 18-year-old. The Copenhagen research is being funded by Novo Nordisk, a Danish pharmaceutical company, which is among the world's biggest proucers of synthetic HGH.

company's leading scientist in the field of growth disorders, says: "We expect our long-term studies to show that the final height achieved will

be very close to the average in the general population. But it is essential that treatment is initiated as early as possible." Some British specialists are more cau-Professor

Charles Brook, professor of paediatric endocrinology at the Middlesex Hospital, London, says: "The big question whether courts have not the court of is whether growth hormone therapy merely increases the rate at which hormone-deficient children grow, or

actually increases the height they

ultimately reach. As yet, nobody really

infertility. Professor Howard Jacobs at the Middlesex was the first specialist in Dr Anne-Marie Kappelgaard, the the world to combine HGH with standard treatment of

However, studies of HGH at the combined medical school of the

Middlesex and University College

Hospital in London have led to its re-

markable success in the treatment of

zonadotrophin hormones to induce ovulation in women who otherwise could not become pregnant. His work, supported Novo Nordisk, began about three years ago. "Since then, we have had about 10 women give birth to normal healthy babies as a

result," he says. "We

believe this treatment offers a new approach to the problem of induction of ovulation in patients who are resistant to gonadotrophin therapy. It is very exciting. This is the kind of work that really justifies science. I am optimistic that we can help treat male infertility in a similar

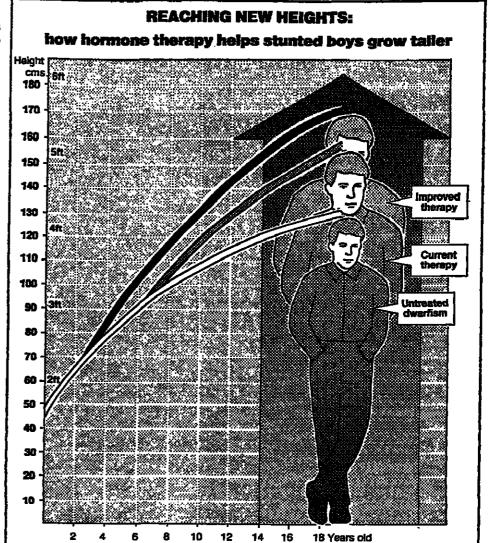
Jacobs, professor of reproductive

endocrinology, has published his findings in this month's issue of the journal, Fertility and Sterility. New trials with women volunteers are now under way in a joint project involving the Middlesez, University College Hospital and the Hallam Medical Centre, a private London clinic.

In Manchester, Brian Lieberman, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at St Mary's Hospital, London, and director of the regional in-vitro fertilization (IVF) unit, is conducting a similar trial involving 40 women. Already the unit, through the work of Dr Zacky Ibrahim, a clinical researcher, has helped six women have babies with the use of HGH in a

hese women needed IVF to bypass their damaged fallopian tubes. They were given the hormone last year to induce ovulation so that their eggs could be fertilized in the laboratory and then replaced. Six out of 10 women on the treatment became

These were remarkable results which indicated either that we improved the quality of the eggs or achieved better implantation of them," Lieberman says. "In either case, growth hormone certainly had an effect. It is also possible that the women themselves may have been deficient in the hormone, in which case we may have stumbled on a new form of infertility.



fill the gaps in

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ition of director is growing. Thousands of IT staff, the industry argues, are still held back from the most senior management positions. One reason often cited is that the technical expert is not appreciated in the UK, but critics say the profession has only itself to blame for hiding behind jargon and technology

only know about technology and not the business," says' Stephanie Twigg, of the PA

The point has been noted and IT managers are now looking to MBAs to fill in the gaps in their business eduschools to discuss their educa-

A number of management training establishments have woken up to the demand. Roffey Park Management College, Horsham, West Sussex (029 383644) kicks off this year with a part-time, two-year "self-managed" MBA course targeted at specialists, and run jointly with the University of

"IT directors require a level and breadth of business understanding which they do not have as they tend to spend a long time in their specialization. An MBA is one of the ways to overcome that prob-lem," argues Ian Cunning-ham, director of Roffey Park. However, there are dissent-

ing views over the usefulness of an MBA to the IT professional. Cranfield School of Management runs MBA coursystems, says that a large take is from IT backgrounds. But he argues that it is questionable whether IT staff ed courses tailored to their needs, as an MBA, by its very nature, deals with business subjects in which IT prosionals realize they are not

yet proficient. The whole notion of an IT MBA is odd, as IT staff don't need to know more about IT but about business skills such as finance and marketing." Edwards says. Those who hope that attending such a course will automatically guarantee promotion and improved perks may be

Leslie Tilley

IT staff are

looking at ways to

their education

nology staff still often have to convince a company's board of their manageriai worth, although the number gaining the pos-

instead of battling over cor-porate strategy and finances, ses, and Professor Chris Ed-wards, of information

Consultancy group.

The British Computer Society's (BCS) report on senior IT management proposes a crash programme between companies and the management schools to tailor MBA courses to the IT world. The BCS wants to see 2,000 MBA places a year taken up by IT staff, and is holding a meeting disappointed. next month between its members and the leading business

link run through the British Library will give British academics instant access to Japanese government-funded research into science and technology. Under the service, access to the proceedings of conferences and meetings, where early breakthroughs in arch often first emerge, will be available to British aniversity researchers. So will postgraduate papers and work at Japanese academic and

national institutions. Jacques Sassoon, of the British Library, hailed the link into Japan's National Centre for Science Information System (NACSIS) as "politically significant", playing a crucial role in removing barriers between Japanese and western researchers. It

Eastern promise

Library's name as a worldclass information centre. For the Japanese govern-

ment, which has supplied equipment and hired satellite time, it is an exercise to try to dispel one of the West's most enduring myths — namely that Japan is a plagiarist of promising ideas, rather than a nine innovator of science NACSIS is to be officially

launched into Britain this month. Initially, academics will have to go through the library for much of the system's services. However, instant desktop access to all its data bases, including science, technology, humanitites and Japan's book catalogues, nld be on-line in a year.

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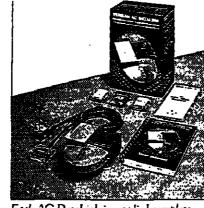
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Chris Partridge on the supertankers which could sail the oceans with only computers aboard

ship navigating itself across the oceans with computers acting as invisible captain and crew sounds eerily like the Marie Celeste. But that is what is planned for the turn of the century. Already, sailing big ships over long distances is so highly automated that the main problem is keeping the crew from going mad with boredom. Automated pilots handle the navigation and reliable engines rarely need attention. Even the excitement of the occasional gale is avoided by using satellite weather reports to steer around storms.

The latest generation of cargo vessels has only one person on the bridge, sitting at a console amid an array of computer screens, watching the computer sail the ship.

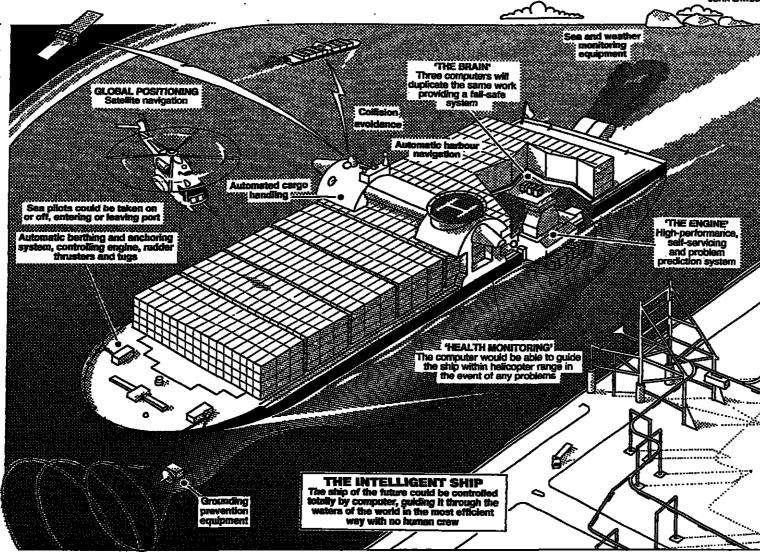
"The officer on the bridge is needed for one purpose only - to see emergency rockets," says Lief Eg-mont, fleet assistant manager of the Larsen shipping line in Copenhagen, which has built six of the new class

"All that is needed to eliminate the watch officer entirely is equipment with extra capacity, to give warning of shallow water or collision. A ship that can detect when another ship is within a certain range and take evasive action, is a couple of years away."

Engines are now considered so reliable, the computer locks the door. of the engine room overnight to prevent crew members entering without permission from the bridge. Until a few years ago, all ships had engineers permanently on duty.

Despite the technological advances, ship owners and builders realize that the idea of letting ships set sail without any crew is a huge psychological step. Some argue it will never happen, because systems that are suitably infallible will always be expensive compared to the cost of keeping a small crew.

Two schools of thought have developed. In Europe, efforts have concentrated on reducing the crew gradually, proving the technology at each step. The Danish, Norwegian and German governments have backed experimental classes of con-tainer vessels which have reduced



crew numbers from about 50 in the 1950s to 14 now. The latest vessels are the Hapag Lloyd container ships Bonn Express and Heidelberg Ex-press, built by HDW in Kell.

But in Japan, shipbuilders are pressing ahead with a programme to develop an unmanned ship. The "intelligent ship" concept relies on the human captain being replaced by a computer with artificial intelligence.

The computer will be programmed to interpret information received from radar and electronic vision systems. It will steer the ship on the safest, and shortest, course to its destination, saving time and fuel.

Navigational information will be received from a world-wide network of satellites called the Global Positioning System. Meteosat and other weather satellites will provide storm warnings and the ship will keep in daily touch with the owner's offices, delivering reports on the health of the ship's systems.

On board, three computers will duplicate the same work so that two can break down without threatening the ship's safety. They will keep watch on the world outside with a battery of sensors, including radar, sonar and television cameras

ameras and controls will also be operable from a console in the shipowner's office, allowing the ship to be controlled, if necessary, by a human captain in a ship simulator back at base.

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Safety and environmental concerns are the next big hurdles. Expert systems have a long way to go to complete reliability.

The possibility of computer failure putting a supertanker on the rocks does not bear thinking about, environmentalists warn. Advocates of the technology say that human expertise has a less than impressive record in preventing environmental

Some shipbuilders are proposing a compromise solution which would eliminate many of the safety and environmental fears: a ship that would navigate itself across the empty wastes of the oceans, but be taken through the congested waters of ports and harbours by crews embarked by helicopter at each end of the journey.

SCIENCE REPORT

squirrel case

t is country wisdom that Britain's native red squirrel, now confined to a few remote spots in Scotland and Wales, was reduced to its straitened circumstances by the turnof-the-century introduction from North America of the

grey squirrel. Whether this seemingly plausible explanation owes more to science or to chauvinism has been a mystery to ecologists But in today's issue of Nature, John Lawton and Charles Godfray, of Imperial College, describe some recent theoretical work that questions this. The problem, they point out, is that though the advance of the greys across the

country and the retreat of the reds coincided in a general sease, proof that one caused the other is lacking. The two do not engage in outright warfare, and in most places there

seems enough food and space for co-existence. And there are indications from eastern England that red squirrels were in decline before the greys arrived. In some other areas, there

seems even to have been a period of co-existence for up to 16 years before the reds started to disappear. In 1951, a pioneering theoretical study by J.G. Skellam established that a new species spreading into virgin territory unhindered by any direct competition will inhabit new ground at a

constant rate. Data from East Anglia indicate that the grey squirrel's encroachment obeyed exactly this law: population studies show that the newcomer occupied small islands of territory which grew and joined up to form an advancing front of grey squirrel habitation that extended into unoccupied land at about 8km a year. This seemed to be one-up for the grey squirrel - its tide of occupation swept

into red squirrel territory as

if the red did not exist. So, the argument can be made, the greys and the reds were not direct competitors; the decline of the reds must have some other cause. But A. Okubo and col-

leagues, writing in a recent edition of the Proceedings of the Royal Society, saw a loophole in this argument. Since no one knew what would happen to Skellam's principle in the case of a new species advancing against a competitor, the grey squirrel data did not prove things one way or the other. The Okubo team devised a more complex mathematical model, which included allowances for the

effect of a population of grey squirwhich reds reproduced, and vice versa. In anv model of the growth of a single species, what stops a population ballooning ad infinitum is that animals

are in competition among themselves for a limited food supply. So grey squirrels compete with other grey squirrels, and reds with other reds.

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In their two-species model, Okubo and his colleagues assumed that the existence of red squirrels had no effect on the greys, and that the greys had a much smaller effect on the reds than did other reds specifically, they assumed that it took six grey squirrels to have the same deterrent effect as one other red squirrel.

This minor element of competition, it turns out, is decisive. The greys still advance at a constant, though slower, rate, but in the wake of their advance, the reds are slowly

extinguished. Even a tiny superiority for the greys is enough, in the inexorable judgement of nature, to doom the reds.

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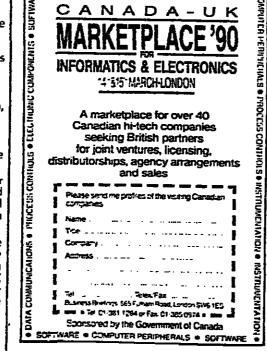
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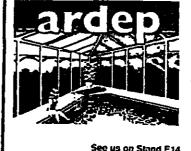
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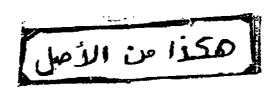
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Indoors make a splash in trade

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are rising, Anthony Cox reports

he biggest splash in the swimming pool trade is being made indoors. "The growth in demand for private indoor pools is extraordinary," Peter Geckie, founder of the PG Group, Britsin's leading swimming pool distributor, says. "We handle the plans for nearly every indoor pool and we saw 2,500 plans last year, a
60 per cent increase on 1988.

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income tax, people have had money to spend. However, we have lost out a bit on the lower end of the market, where our customers have been hit by increased mortgage re-

payments.

"Most private pools are in the south, particularly in Kent and - where there is better weather and more money."

The Swimming Pool and Allied Trades Association (Spata), the industry's consumer watchdog, says that five years ago no more than 10 per cent of domestic pools were built indoors. Today, that figure hovers around 65 per cent.

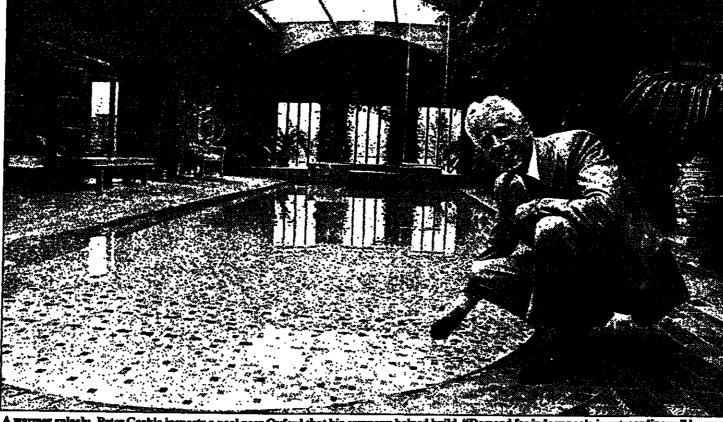
In 1985, when statistics were last compiled, there were about 160,000 privately owned swiming pools in the UK. Now, Spata, whose member companies install maintain or refurbish 80 per cent of the UK's pools, estimates that the total is nearer 200,000.

The trade is fuelled by its customers' pursuit of fitness and health, privacy and old-fashioned fun. Pool providers such as Geekie say all of these can be had at asonable prices.

Spata estimates the average cost of a professionally installed out-door pool as £12,000, and an indoor one as £30,000. A basic above-ground, self-assembly pool, with a 15ft diameter, costs about £600. The same pool can be bought as a package, with additional filter, ladder, maintenance and chemical kits, for £1,060. A 32ft x16ft basic pool can be had for £2,325.

Geekie says: "Above-surface pools, which admittedly are not the best-looking pools, have an appeal to middle-income people who are often moving home. If you move house, you can drain the pool, unbolt its sections, load it in the removal van and reassemble it in your new home.

"Such pools are intended for self-installation. A couple could start work on Saturday and be swimming on Saturday. The only vital thing is that it must be on level ground. Even small pools will hold between 4,000 and 10,500 gallons of water and an unlevel site would put extreme pressure on the pool walls. Smaller pools are impulse purchases. People are sur-



A warmer splash: Peter Geekie inspects a pool near Oxford that his company helped build. "Der

prised at how cheap they are when they see them on display." The PG Group sells about 500 do-it-yourself, below-ground pools a year. The most popular sizes are 20ft x 14ft and 30ft x

14ft, with a shallow-end depth of

3ft 4in and up to 6ft at the deep end. "You might have to get a bricklayer in, but the job is well within DIY reach," Geekie says. 'There's even an instructional video. The first thing most people do when they finish the installa-

tion is to have a pool party. The savings are huge if you do it yourself. Professional installation would cost from £6,000 to £10,000 for a 24ft x 12ft basic pool. For a DIY installation, the pool could cost less than £2,000."

Running and maintenance costs have often deterred would-be purchasers, but according to Geekie "running costs after heating are minimal - and the work needed around a pool takes only a

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Heating an outdoor pool with a surface area of 300sq ft to 75°F for a 24-week season would cost £212 with oil, £146 with gas, £192 to £398 with electricity (depending on tariff) and £93 with the latest technology heat pump. To achieve those figures, the pool would have to be covered when not in use.

"A pool has to be kept clean and healthy. Modern filter units do a good job but they will not keep the water clean unless they use some form of chemical to kill bacteria and algae.

"The average pool of 30ft x 14ft would cost £100 to £150 a year for the running of its electric pump and the supply of chemicals."

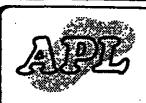
Some prospective pool owners have been put off by the possibility of a pool deterring would-be house-buyers. "I think it is rare for a swimming pool to affect a house sale adversely," Geekie says. "Most people who put pools in their gardens live in a family house and would, therefore, sell to another family. A pool in a family

house is a good investment."

Nevertheless, a house seller is unlikely to recoup the full cost of pool installation, and the advice of both the estate agents and building societies is clear: build a pool because you want one and see the investment as being one in fun and healthy exercise.

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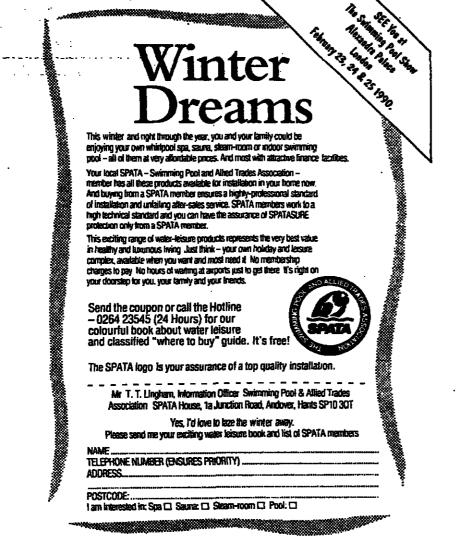
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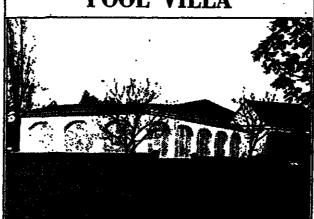
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HOCKEY: WORLD CUP VICTORY OVER CANADA IS ACHIEVED AT THE CONSIDERABLE COST OF ENTERTAINMENT

England prevail but not before boring the crowd to tears

From Sydney Friskin Lahore

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If, as it is often argued, the object of playing hockey is to win and not to entertain, England's victory over Can-ada in the World Cup tournament here yesterday amply justified this philosophy. Having taken the match by the scruff of the neck in the early minutes, they went into the interval with a comfortable lead and then bored the crowd

England, however, cannot really be blamed for this state of affairs, for Canada did not make a fight of it and, except for a brief show of enterprise early in the second half, lost both confidence and enthu-

The second half unfortunately was unspeakably drab. Perhaps at the back of England's mind was the knowledge that the record books contained an astonishing story of how Canada came back from three goals down at the interval to square the match at defenders, scooped high into 3-3 in the 1978 World Cup tournament at Buenos Aires. About midway in this period England clearly dictating the there was not the slightest hint course of play, there should of the story being repeated.

day, England were happily through a packed defence, launched with full points from pushed wide. Then Thompson two matches and Bernie Cotton, the team manager, was pleased, though not entirely satisfied. "We should have had more goals," he said. Norman Hughes, the coach, added: "Our policy in the second half was to stay together as a unit and consolidate." Unfortunately, the consolidation did not

One of the consoling not been under much pressure, which inevitably he will have to face in the tougher matches to come. Faulkner was the mainstay of England's defence yesterday. England went on an early

offensive and within four minutes from the start Leman led them to their first goal. Running into the circle, he pushed the ball forward and, when it came back, Soma Singh tried a shot. Once again the goalkeeper saved but Thompson, running into a hesitant group of Canadian

In the next 10 minutes, with have been a few more goals. However, at the end of the Batchelor, fighting his way came close and Kerly had a

shot well saved The Canadian goalkeeper was penalized for dangerous play in the 27th minute, to concede a short corner, and Grimley scored with a direct hit, although there was a hint of a deflection by a Canadian stick. Burrows obstructed Kerly to concede another short corner but nothing came

Canada put more life into their play in the early minutes of the second half, with Rutledge and Tamkee conspicuous, but did not seriously test Taylor in goal, although he once came out in time to deny the Canadians a shot. England then started a se-quence of substitutions, with

the first, Garcia, coming in for Thompson, then Halls replac-Leman, and finally Batchelor giving way to Mayer. The Canadians organized their own substitutions but did not settle into an effective pattern. Neither, for effective pattern. Neither, for that matter, did England.
ENGLAND: S Taylor, P Bolland, D Faulkner, J Potter, Soma Singh, M Grimley, S Betchelor (sub: C Mayer), R Lamen (capain, sub: J Hailes), S Korly, R CAR, N Thompson (sub: R Garcia).
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Airborne: Kerly, the England forward, gets in a flying shot again Argentina acclaimed after subjugating India

From Sydney Friskin

Argentina, whose natural flair and athleticism have earned them much acclaim, recovered brilliantly to defeat Iadia 5-3 in group A of the World Cup tournament here yesterday. The match was voted by one and all as a fine advertisement for the game despite the chanting of anti-Indian slogans by a student group in the stands.

Notwithstanding the distrac-tion, India took a 2-0 lead within 20 minutes. Jude Felix and Jagbir Singh scored for India, both in classic style. But

proved and in the 24th minute Ferrara scored from a short

This was the signal for a concentrated Argentine assault and Minadeo and Siri hit the outside netting before Ferrara bemused the Indian defence and obtained the equalizer almost on his own.

India recovered their compo-sure and, as the chanting intensified, went into the lead again, with Ashok Kumar scoring indirectly from a short corner five minutes after the interval. A save on the line by Ashok Kumar, who had used part of his body in the effort, was rightly ruled as illegal and the outcome

This in turn will be followed by

a Honda V10-powered Tyrrell 020 for the 1991 season, design

The team and its drivers will be the beneficiaries of multiple

sponsorships this season, including three from Japan — the Angle Group, a clothing company, PIAA, a car accessories manufacturer, and the

computer company, Epson, which has a long association

with Nakajima. Tyrrell will continue to be supported by the

truck manufacturer, MAN, and in addition Alesi and Nakajima

have become members of the Mariboro world championship

team of Formula One drivers.

The Honda engine tie-up.

as the McLaren team switch to Honda's latest V12 engine, has been followed by a new business relationship between Tyrrell and TAG/McLaren Marketing

Services, an independent com-pany within the McLaren group,

which is aimed at promoting

and marketing Tyrrell inter-

nationally. However, there will be no technical collaboration between Tyrrell and McLaren,

and the former are retaining

their own in-house marketing

department, now headed by Stuart Wingham, which will be responsible for the acquisition

and servicing of team sponsor-

of which is well under way.

was a penalty stroke, which Geneyro converted. Pargat Singh was warned for arguing after India had conceded another short corner, from

and struggled to a 3-1 victory, thanks to the opportunism of the two youngest members of the team, Stephen Davies, no relation of the captain, Craig Davies, and Corbitt.

Australia had only one short both occasions.

late, and that scant regard has

been shown to fans. However, I

that he and others are making for all-seat grounds will be examined critically before a lot

of money is possibly wasted with disappointing results. Since all-ticket matches have

attracted trouble in the past why

should the fact that the tickets are now for seats rather than

terraces necessarily improve matters? Another letter cited

evidence that a fifth of males under 25, earning over £200 per

week, drink more than 50 units

of alcohol per week on average.
If money can be spent like this,
then what evidence is there that

defined forward play than the short corner, from which York's relieved when Saliger scored opposition was able to contrive. shot was well saved by the their second goal three minutes From a free hit by Ponthiue, Viala scored for France in the seventh minute with a strong hit from the top of the circle, and it took a superlative effort by Davies to level the score in the seventeenth minute from a diffi-

Three minutes after the interval. Evans set up a chance for Davies to score his second goal, but there followed a renewal of endeavour by France, who lost two chances to equalize, Viala shooting wide of the mark on Fifty-four minutes clapsed be-

goalkeeper, Florin.
Corbitt's goal in the 65th ition secure.

West Germany ran into stiff opposition from Spain before winning 2-0 but they had diffi-culty holding the lead, which Ekhard-Schmidt had given them in the eighth minute. In fact, they would have lost their advantage if Fischer had not saved a shot from Ignacio Escude at a short corner in the 58th minute.

Stefan Blocher completed a solo run by shooting wide for

SPORTS



SQUASH RACKETS

Welsh wizardry with mix that is multi-national

By Colin McQuillan

cekes Welsh Wizards, the Cardiff squad whose top line-up comprises an Australian, an Englishman, an Anglo-Canadian, a Scot and only one Welshman, Adrian Davies, looks set to take the Pirum's Premier Squad League title out of England for the first time.

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At Cardiff Squash Club on Tuesday, Leckes defeated Vil-lage Leisure Hotels 4-1 to take over their leading position with 69 points and a match in hand. One more such victory from two remaining fixtures, against GT Superkings, Abbeydale and Lambs Club, would secure the

championship.
Village, on 66 points, with a maximum of seven points available from a final fixture against Abbeydale, have a workaday squad enhanced only by the addition of Rodney Eyles, of Australia, in the second half of

Eyles lost on Tuesday to Chris Robertson, the Wizards' own Australian, who has become so enthused by Leckes' effort to galvanize Welsh squash that he has bought a home in Cardiff, taken up with a local lass, and can be heard around the international circuit singing the praises of our squash players

from the valleys.

The rest of Tuesday's vital victories came from the Anglo-Canadian, Jamie Hickox, who defeated Geoff Williams; from

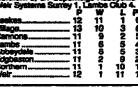
Colin Keith in a two-hour all-Scottish battle of considerable domestic significance; and from the original Welsh wizard, Adrian Davies, who crushed Philip Whitlock 9-4, 9-0, 9-7 in what he described as the most

Only the Englishman, Robert Owen, failed to raise enough wizardry against John Ran-

"This was the match of the season for us," Robert Edwards. the Wizards team manager, said after Davies secured the last point. "Adrian and I started this whole affair in Wales. We are about to hold Britain's biggest ever men's tournament, the Leekes Welsh Classic, and we believe we have brought squash back from the grave in this country with these two enterprises."

Mathematically, UTC Can-

nons, on 55 points, with three fixtures remaining, could snatch a third league title at the tape. But their derby against Lambs is likely to be bitterly contested.



SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Hyde hang on for a narrow victory

By George Chesterton

In the Barclays under-19 competition, Hyde Sixth Form College, Manchester, entertained and narrowly defeated the previously unbeaten Cardinal were under siege for the rest of Icenan School.

Gray steered in a near-post

cross to put Hyde ahead after seven minutes. They might well have scored several more but for sterling work by Deegan in goal.
Cardinal Heenan scrambled an
equalizer by half-time. Taylor
then chipped the ball clear of then chipped the ball clear of Deegan and Hyde hung on grimly under pressure, with Morris making fine saves.
St Clement Dame's School, Hertfordshire, went down 3-2 to their visitors, Harvey Grammar School, in mud, wind and rain. Morris and Hobbs put Harvey

the run of play. Harvey School were under siege for the rest of the match but only allowed one more goal, the best of the match, scored by Poppleton.

tham Forest 2-0 on Monday to win a place in the semi-final of the ESFA Trophy. Martin Smith kicked off the line to thwart Waltham Forest early in an otherwise even first half-hour, but O'Connor ran through on to a slow back pass and shot low in the corner to make it 1-0 at half-time. Smith, the English forward, outpaced the Waltham defence to score only three minutes from time.

MOTOR RACING

Tyrrell hands over wheel to his son

By John Blunsden

Ken Tyrrell, whose achievement of keeping afloat his Formula One racing team for so long without the benefit of big sponsorship constitutes one of the great survivability acts of the modern grand prix era, is step-ping aside from the day-to-day running of his team at a time when its financial security finally looks assured.

In a significant management restructure, he becomes chair-man of the team, while direct operational control has been handed to his son Bob, who has become managing director.

Tyrrell's technical operations are unchanged, the engineering director, Harvey Postlethwaite, remaining in overall charge of design and Jean-Claude Migeot heading the team's aerodynamics research and development group. Both held key positions with Ferrari before moving to Tyrrell, as did Tyrrell's recently appointed team manager, Jean

/illadelprat.
Jean Alesi, the Frenchman who was the Formula One find of 1989, and Satoru Nakajima, his Japanese driving partner, are under contract to the team until the end of 1991 and will begin their forthcoming season at the wheel of last year's Tyrrell 018s; but an all-new car, the 019, still powered by the worth DFR V8 engine, will make its debut in the San Marino Grand Prix in April.

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day this year.

Dubai is to New talks to avert a lockout

The Government of Dubai is to Grand Prix meeting at Hickstead from May 31 to June 3, with prize-money doubled to £100,000 over the four days (Jenny MacArthur writes). The Emirates Airlines Cup (British Grand Prix) on the Friday afternoon of the meeting will be worth £60,000, making it the richest in Europe. The Nations Cup on Sunday is offering £5,000 to the winning

The new sponsors, who pre-iously backed Hickstead's

our side is too proud to say they won't listen."

said he was "very sorry to lose Renault ... but the State of Dubai and its ruling Maktoum

bargaining sessions today and tomorrow but O'Connor said: "The camps will not be open Thursday or Friday as sched-uled in some cases. Therefore, I guess you can officially call this a lockout." which Geneyro put Argentina ahead in the 62nd minute and when, five minutes later, Doherty scored the fifth goal, India's hopes were extinguished.

Anstralia almost paid a heavy price for treating France lightly

All-seat grounds may not be the total answer

benefits will outweigh the costs?

Surely a modern, comfortable and safe football ground can still

offer fans the choice to stand or

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Sir, Mr Graeme J. Allan (February 8) is in danger of equating relative poverty with thuggery. With all-seated grounds "the lout will be discouraged by the price of tickets" he tells us, forgetting that some of the worst of soccer hooligans are able to afford to travel to the four ends were discouraged by the price of fickets, so would be the young fan who will be the future occupant of all-scat stadiums.

fathers and sons who still ev-

idently go to games together.

One hopes that implementation of the Taylor proposals for

all-seat stadiums will not make it impossible for young fans, of

limited means, to gain access to grounds. Maybe school chil-

dren's properly supervised standing pens would be a satisfactory compromise be-

tween all-seat accommodation

(usually without reductions for juveniles, especially in the North American stadiums which Mr Allan offers as models

for future developments in Britain) and the acres of open

terracing which are seen, whether rightly or wrongly, as the main source of soccer

HAROLD ENTWISTLE

1 The Crescent.

higher ticket prices are going to stop potential troublemakers from attending matches? It is claimed that comfortable all seat grounds will encourage families and respectable people back to football. I do hope so. I saw my first game at Maine Road in 1936 at the age of 12. I However, the last time I sat at a match, a sparsely attended one at Wembley, I was allocated a seat next to a group of youths could not afford a seat in the stand, but I was not a lout - nor were most of the other working-class lads with whom I stood, whose main preoccupation was to drink continuously, including outside, in all weathers. I sus pect that most middle-aged and spraying those of us nearby with beer as they opened their cans, elderly occupants of seats in today's stands developed their early loyalties in similar circumjump all over seats, and keep up a constant repetitious chant of mindless vulgar obscenities tostances. Nor will Mr Allan's proposals encourage families back to football as he supposes. In my experience families have never been there, except for tally unconnected to what was

tally unconnected to what was happening on the field.
Fortunately I was able to move away from them, but with a bigger crowd this option would not have been available to move all other seats would have been taken, and my afternoon would have been ruined.
The atmosphera was certainly The atmosphere was certainly not one that any family would have enjoyed. At least terraces offer you a reasonable opportunity to choose who you stand

I also question just how comfortable scated areas will be. On the odd occasions that I have sat at football matches I have found that the seats were not spaceous enough for my 6ft 2in frame. With some clubs concerned about the reduced capacity that all-seat grounds will nean for them I suspect that the temptation will be to squeeze in as many seats as possible.

I agree with Mr Allan that third and fourth division clubs

are the life blood of football (although let us not also forget the thousands of non-League clubs in the country). This often seems to be overlooked. No doubt most of their grounds need improving. However, most of their matches are watched by relatively small crowds. Is it

From Mr B. J. Boughton Sir, I recently went to see a National Football League game in which the Atlanta Falcons were defeated by the San Francisco 49ers. The 50,000 Atlanta home crowd were in a depressed mood, but despite a great deal of drunkeness there was no violent Association and the English Schools' Cricket Associa

hours. All is not lost.

Malvern, Worcestershire.

There were no safety fences or protective mosts and, during the frequent time-outs to allow the television companies to broadcast their advertisements, the crowds were able to leave their seats and move indoors from the bitter cold to buy beer and hamburgers and mix freely with each other. It is patent nonsense to suggest this crowd was well behaved because they were sat in their seats in an all-seat stadium (the cheapest tickets, by the way, were \$20 each).

The reason why there was no trouble was that there were very few visiting fans. San Francisco is several thousand miles away from Atlanta, and because th distances are so vast in the United States football fans do United States notiball tans do not travel to support their teams at away games. In Britain where the geography is different, large numbers of fams travel to away games, where they are herded into their own sections of the ground and taunted and abused by home supporters.

No wonder it sometimes ends up with the destruction of railway carriages and throwing of bricks through shop windows. Before the Second World War, sew football tans could afford to travel to away games, and the vast crowds who stood cheerfully on the cold windswept terraces in those days were almost all home club supp-

The truth of the matter is that almost all the present day football violence in Britzin is caused directly or indirectly by visiting fans. Luton Town have banned visiting supporters from their home games and this has B. J. BOUGHTON, 63 Fitzroy Avenue,

Awaiting the count From Mr Stuart Hough Sir, With reference to the con-

Harborne.

Sir, With reference to the con-troversy surrounding the Tyson v Douglas fight (report, Feb-ruary 12), boxers of all levels wait for the referee's count to get to seven or eight before getting up. Douglas was seen to be concentrating on the referee from the count of four/five, and would therefore have beaten the count if it had commenced when he hit the canvas. Yours faithfully,

Alternative anthem From Mr Fred Hazel

STUART HOÚGH.

23 Durham Crescent,

Washingborough, Lincolnshire.

Sir, How heartily I agree with David Barnes (Sports Letters, February 8) that "Land of Hope and Glory" is an inappropriate anthem for English victories in May I suggest "Greensleeves"

hope for. Yours faithfully, E. J. DILLEY, FRED HAZEL Church House, Lyonshall, 8a Lake Street, near Kington, Herefordshire.

An affront to

(February 2) covering steroid abuse in the Auckland Commonwealth Games was an -tempered scrap of bigoted

LETTERS

He is of course quite right to equate the consumption of al-cohol with drug taking. The fact remains that his article went to pains to insult the small portion of society who thoroughly enjoy pitting themselves against the bar both in the gym and at competitions. One should appreciate that for many years at Olympic and Commonwealth es weightlifting has been polled amongst the most popular television spectator sports

Mr Barnes's inability to see any tangible benefit in the sport of weightlifting does not qualify that pastime as being one of "crucifying boredom" populated by "demented fanatics". He no doubt admires greatly the swimmers, runners, gymnasts, etc., whose noble sports and much vaunted successes are not only very interesting to perform but have complete absence of

drug abuse at all stages. Yours, JOHN R. BURNS (Commonwealth gold winner, 1978 and 1982), 35 Mariner Street, Swansea, West Glamorgan

Swimming anomaly From Mr E. J. Dilley

Sir, The comparison medal tables accompanying Craig Lord's article (February 5) on the lack of success of British swimmers in the recent Commonwealth Games high-lights an anomaly in the allocation of medals to the various sports forming the programme of these and the Olympic Games.

Why should it be that so many medals are available to swimmers? Not only are there four different strokes (imagine winning medals for running backwards or on your hands!) there are also no fewer than six different lengths of freestyle, two lengths of each of the other strokes plus the individual medleys. Add to this the relays and you have a cluster of medals available to a small caucus of talented swimmers (often from no more than one or two nations) not far short of those available for the entire athletics programme. Was the achievement of Hayley Lewis any more remarkable than that of her compatriot Lisa Martin in the women's marathon? Yet the former was rewarded in a ratio of five to one.

Nothing, I suppose, would induce the Games organisers to reduce the number of swimming events but surely a fairer balance of medals, both to individuals and to nations, would be achieved if competitors were confined to no more than two individual races and two relays. After all, four gold medals is the most an individual track and field athlete can reasonably

From Mr L. Main Sir, Further to my letter of November 16 I offer statistics to

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Garstang, Lancashire.

Yours faithfully,

36 Meadow Park.

L. MAIN.

Cabus,

Flow of talent from Welsh side

From Mr C. Overson

Sir, I agree with Mr Alian them the tremendous cost of (February 8) that action to save football is, sadly, 25 years too

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From Mr J. L. Wall

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Sir, In the week of England v Wales and in the week after the Sir, The article by Simon Barnes

Converting their grounds, and, if duty.

There were no exfect fences or shorter Weight interaction to save so, can we be sure that the cannot but help recall the quite Yarranton, a Rugby Football Union vice-president, in these columns (November 9), when he described the loss of players from union to league as "not even a drip let alone a trickle."

even a drip let alone a trickle."

The remark not only ignores the qualitative aspect of such losses, but the influence they have throughout the game at all levels and in all home unions. It is also insensitive to the fact that, alone of all the triple crown countries, Wales suffers league captures of its leading players to a degree unequalled in any other of our unions. It is perhaps worth noting that, of the last

1971 Lions JEFFREY L WALL 14 Cavendish Road, Barnet. Hertfordshire.

Deceitful ploy

From Mr K. J. Haskell Sir, As Wales prepare to meet gland, is it too much to hope that someone will have a quiet word with their captain about his so-called dummy run from the base of the scrum? He, more than any other nternational scrum half, ap-

pears to use this ploy, which does nothing to advance the earne but seems designed solely

Men v women

support my theory that in competitive cycling, swimming and running, men are, on average, about 10 per cent faster WOMEN.
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than Griffiths who was on the bench. Add to that the departure of John Devereux, a Lion last summer and internationalist of recent seasons, and reported of the squad on duty that day, and some appreciation of the "trickle" as it affects Wales may arise. If it does not, contempla an England side shorn in the same manner, or Jonathan Da-vies doing for the last Lions, what Barry John did for the

to deceive the opposition into

infringing the laws.

He might care to consider that
in other sports, his manoeuvre might well be classified as: (a) ungentlemanly conduct) gamesmanship (c) blatant cheating Yours faithfully, K. J. HASKELL,

2 Drury Lane, Ridgewell, Halstead, Essex.

Cricket dynamite From Mr John C. Little Sir, As England's cricketers begin to face the awesome might

of the West Indian pace attack, may I fire the first salvo in what may I fire the first salvo in what will inevitably be the contentious point of the tour, the short-pitched delivery? The following is an extract from the auto-biography of Harold Larwood:

"Purely defensive batting reduces the speed bowler to panting futility. That is why he must drop a few short. In doing so, he puts the dynamite into cricket. Every fast bowler in cricket. Every fast bowler in history has done that. And when he does drop one short every-body knows it is a ball intended to intimidate, to unsettle, to test the batsman's combination of skill and nerve. When the fast bowler is no longer permitted to make the ball rear at the

batsman, cricket can no longer be regarded as a manly game." Whilst not wishing to condone the over use of such a delivery, I feel that the lobbyists pressing for its demise are, in their efforts, trying to remove a long and established weapon from the bowler's armoury. Yours faithfully, JOHN C. LITTLE,

294 Rocky Lane, Great Barr, Birmingham.

End the appeal From Mr Brian O'Gorman Sir. In view of the controvers provoked by umpires' decisions at cricket, has the time come for the appeal to be discontinued? Why not let the official decide and be sole judge of fact? If the

batsman is out let him say, and

signal, so. There seems little need or justification for players to appeal, which causes so much unpleasantness in the game. Yours faithfully. BRIAN O'GORMAN.

1 Rivermead Close, Addlestone, Weybridge, Surrey.

"I will take input from any-body I can," Fehr said. "If somebody has ideas, nobody on

The two groups are to meet in

BASEBALL

New York (Reuter) - Negotiators for the owners of the major league clubs and the Players' Association have agreed to discuss a series of proposals by the commissioner, Fay Vincent, who has stepped into the deadlocked negotia-tions for a new basic contract agreement in the hope of avoiding a lockout by owners at spring-training camps later this week.

Donald Fehr, the executive director of the Players' Association, has called the members of the Players' Negotiating Committee to a meeting in New York to discuss Vincent's proposals.

Chuck O'Connor, the chief negotiator for the owners, called Vincent's suggestions "sub-stantive" and agreed to discuss the proposals with the owners.

Sir, Sir Rhodes Boyson's End Column (February 14) should he shouted from the mottons. He is of course aware of a dedicated minority who have never given up, but I would hate to think that their praises went unsung. Through being in-volved with school sports I am constantly in touch with teachers from every type of secondary Two remarkable bodies, the

All is not lost

From Mr George Chesterton

English Schools' Football

run a quite bewildering variety and quantity of competitions and courses. In all of these standards of appearance, behaviour and sportsmanship are maintained at the very highest level, and those involved in their organization seem never to have heard of any contract of Yours etc., GEORGE CHESTERTON, Orchard House,

as an alternative. Popular, Enghish and traditional.

Ackford views from on high where the war may be won

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

When John Ryan, the Welsh coach, announced his team to play England a week ago, he held up a picture of a lineout from the France-England match in Paris: it was of Paul Ackford and Wade Dooley, the English locks whom Ryan described as the best secondrow pairing in the world, not excepting the two New Zealanders, Murray Pierce and

Ignoring the psychological spur it will be to Welshmen to produce their best against highly rated opponents, Ryan was drawing attention to the size, literally, of the problem awaiting Gareth Llewellyn and Andrew Allen (one cap apiece) at Twickenham on

It is one that Wales overcame a year ago against Eng-land at Cardiff but then they had Robert Norster and Phil Davies in their second row, a far more knowledgeable pair who, if they were not able to get first touch at the lineout, made certain that English

By David Hands

France in the five nations

term measure. The implication

1986 to 1988, must be that the selectors hope Lenihan, aged 30,

will retain his enthusiasm and commitment for international

rugby, which he first played in 1981, as far as the 1991 World

Anderson said: "I thought I

Much of Wales's prepara-tion for the five nations' championship match this weekend has focused on Norster, though he has not played this season, the Cardiff lock has been passing on his knowledge to Llewellyn and Allen of what may be the decisive area of the game. It is also one of the least-refereed areas, possibly because officials appreciate that so much goes on off the ball that either every lineout is whistled or, assuming there is no obvious foul play, virtually none.

In the space of two seasons, Ackford has emerged as an outstanding international player, for England and the British Isles, in the sometimes murky recesses of the lineout. He attributes his success (apart from the important encouragement of individual coaches) so late in his playing career - he will be 32 later this month but won his first cap only 15 months ago - to being sound in his organization. He has also developed his

physical qualities with a

course of plyometrics, a programme followed by such

sportsmen as American footballers and decathletes.

Selectors close the book on

Anderson's Ireland career

flexibility to the knees and

"Lineout players fall into two categories," Ackford believes. "You have tall guys, like Bill Campbell or perhaps Neil Francis, who basically try to beat you to the height of the ball. Then there are others like Phil Davies or Gary Whetton, who close space down and use their athletic ability to get behind or in front of you. "The best I have come

across recently was Ilaitia Savai in the Fijian game last November. He cleaned me out. I got a bang on the head but even before that he was winning his own ball. He could both jump and close the space and he was very quick. The key element at the front of the lineout is the speed with which you get off the ground as the ball comes in, and Savai are getting worse and worse was very explosive as well as being a big man: he could go from crouching half-down to up in the air very quickly.

"But the bottom line is that you are only as good as the support players around you. I It's not the lifting you want so have been extremely lucky to

Ironically, Ireland produced in November an impassioned

performance against New Zea-land, who have lost to no one

since 1986, and better goalkicking might have brought

them at least a share of the spoils in their last match, against Scotland, which they lost 13-10. Davidson has always worked

closely with Anderson and Ir-win, his colleagues during Ul-ster's domination of the inter-

provincial championship, and

Francis's restoration to the

pack, even though there is criticism of his workrate, should

produce a better lineout return,

while in the back division.

midfield presence in the pos-

ition where he has won so many

of his previous caps.

Danaher won his seventh cap

as a replacement against New Zealand, but has previously been considered as a full back. However, he has been playing

centre for Constitution and Munster this season.

It is expected that Pat O'Hara will have recovered from facial

damage sustained against the Scots, but Dennis McBride, the

most obvious deputy, joins the replacements. Steve Smith has

not recovered sufficiently from a damaged rib cartilage to oust John McDonald, but a vacancy

which features bounding ex- the world in Paul Rendall: it's ercises bringing greater not just the physical support flexibility to the knees and he offers. When I won my first cap against Australia he talked me through the whole game and against the French he could read their lineout calls very easily because his opposite number would always turn to the player who was about to receive the throw. In that respect the French are very naive.

"You build up a good understanding with the thrower, too. The best I have ever played with was Phil Keith-Roach [the former Rosslyn Park hooker] but Brian Moore is very good, very skilful. He is excep tionally accurate and we have the benefit that the three of us [Ackford, Dooley and Moore] have played quite a few games

But international lineouts now in terms of refereeing. It's like a traffic accident and the last man standing gets the ball. It's a bit easier at the front because it's a bit more open and the referee can spot you. much as the hole, the space in which to jump.

"It won't get better unless the touch judge becomes in-volved because he is immedi-ately behind the thrower and has a much better view than the referee, who is to one side, sometimes at the front or the back, and has to watch for offside by the backs at the same time. I'm not a great believer in changing the law to legalize lifting; that takes the skill out of it. But it seems that so long as you get cleanish ball, the referee will let it go.

The problems come in the contact situation, which is a potentially fractious situation. If you can't win ball because someone is holding you down, that's when the confrontation may develop. As things stand, Ireland defend lineouts better than most while the Welsh are more constructive.

"I don't know much about their two locks on Saturday but I know that last year Phil Davies closed me down very well. Rob Norster is almost unique because he wants his support players to give him space and he jumps into it, either forward or back - that's why he starts halfway out of the lineout. Last year I was moved out of the way by Davies a few times and on Saturday he may come down to mark me, seeing that he was

successful before. Steve Ford, the Cardiff wing who was reinstated to rugby union after being banned by the WRU for taking part in a



would get another crack against France. I was captain of the Irish would get another crack ag team that touted France in 1988 Road on March 24, he may not and beat the French. I am disappointed shattered. But I'm be the only one. The position of Jimmy Davidson, the coach over the last three seasons, will not ready to retire as yet." Only one of the four changes come under closer scrutiny.

was enforced. Brendan Muliin will not have recovered from a knee operation by March 3, so Michael Kiernan reverts from the wing to the centre, where he will partner Philip Danaher. David Irwin reverts to the Ken Hooks wins his third cap on the wing and Neil Francis. season too produces who won his sixth cap as a change for the better.

By Owen Jenkins

Swansea University 28

Jason Ball scored 21 points at

the University Playing Fields, Llanrumney, Cardiff, to steer Swansea to their third consec-

utive Universities Athletic Union final at Twickenham. Ball, a member of the Neath

squad, and Adebayo, his fellow

centre, were a class above

Bristol, showing superb touches and running skills. Ball kicked four penalties and

a dropped goal, and converted his final try of the match, which

The Swansea backs were far

sharper than their opponents.
The Bristol forwards won

Bristol University...

Ireland squad

The Irish selectors yesterday made four changes, one po-sitional, in the team to play championship in Paris on March 3. In doing so, they probably brought to an end the international career of Willie Anderson, their captain. Anderson's appointment as captain against New Zealand last November, at the age of 34, could hardly be seen as a long-

> Lenihan against England last month, is recalled to the second

caps — the most substantial casualty so far of Ireland's failure to win any of their three internationals this season. If this record is continued against the French in Paris — where Ireland have not won since 1972 — and against Wales at Lansdowne

Ireland have won only one match in the last two domestic championships. Although, with the World Cup only a year away, there will be a natural desire to avoid changing the coach, that is the probable outcome at the Irish Rugby Football Union's annual meeting in June if this

RELAND (v France, March 3): K Marphy (Constitution): K J Hocks (Ards), M J Kleman (Dolphin), P P A Densiter (Garryowen), K D Crossan (Instoniers): B A Smith (Oxford University), L F P Aherme (Lansdowne), J J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), J P McDonald (Malone), D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), P M Alastham (Marchene), D C Landbowne) (Young Munster), J.P. McDorald (Malone). D.C. Pitzgerate (Lanctowne), P. M. Mat-thews (Wanderers), D. G. Lestitan (Constitution, capt), M. P. Freeds (Blacirock College), P.T.J. O'Hara (Sun-day's Wed), N.P. Marstin (Corinthians), R. Replacements: D.G. train (Instruments), R. P. Mayes (Constitution), M. T. Bradley (Constitution), A. N. Other, T.J. Glogaton (Dolptin), W.D. McBride (Malone). of passing the appointment back to Donal Lenihan, captain in 14 consecutive matches between

is left for a prop among the replacements to give Gary Halpin and Jim McCoy the chance to demonstrate their

Swansea success Swansea to ope try until the end.

But they did concede numerous penalties, and the accuracy of Ball punished them further. Powell, the Swansea stand-off alty, and Hillard, his opposite number, responded after 15 minutes. The try from Moore came three minutes later before

chances but, despite a few periods of pressure in which they challenged the Swansea line, their efforts came to nothing.

SCORERS: Bristof University: Pensity goals: Hallerd (2), Swansea: Trisa: Moore, Ball. Conversior: Ball. Pensity goals: Ball (4), Powell. Dropped goal: Ball. Bristof. University: R John: I Macleod, M Weller, G Harries, J Bowling; N Hillard, R Hill; M Reilly, M Patteson (rap M Raby), A Holder, D Bennet, R Janding-Brown, D Matthewa, P Andersons.

SWANSEA LINEVERSITY: R Jones: P saw him give two dummies in a gliding run to the line. His earlier attack through the Bristol defence also set up the first Swansea try for Moore, the enough ball but there was a

Ball took over the proceedings. Hillard kicked another penalty for Bristol 10 minutes into the The forward contest was an absorbing one and Bristol com-peted well. They had their chances but, despite a few

enough ball but there was a distinct lack of cohesion at the base of their scrum, and the backs always received possession under pressure.

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By Michael Austin Oxford University ...

Six tries in 31 minutes swept the Army to their sixth successive yesterday. Oxford, lightweight in skill,

be poorer this term for the absence of Smith, the Ireland stand-off half, who was the Oxford captain last year.

This scarcely affected the outcome because the Army restricted Oxford to 10 per cent possession and strengthened their chances of winning the inter-services tournament for the third consecutive season. Leicester's 70-4 eclipse of the Royal Air Force on Tuesday had The Army had only six of last

By Mark Herbert

Loughborough Univ.... 39 Exeter University...... 14

A flawed but powerful performance earned Loughborough University, the Commercial Union UAU champions, a place in the semi-finals at Loughborough yesterday. They meet Cardiff at a neutral venue next

Wednesday.
Victory was achieved by the champions' forward superiority.
All Loughborough's points in the first half — two tries by Miles, one converted by Malone and a penalty try conceded by James — came from pushovers. and a penanty by construct by James – came from pushovers, but the aimlessness of their threequarters, compounded by the inability of Malone, the stand-off half, to find touch, kept Exeter trailed 16-10 at the lateral Applied 16-10 at the lateral Applied 16-10 at the

interval. Armistead's mazy break from halfway found Casebourne free on the left wing, and the lock had enough of a head start to gallop over from 25 yards. Then Evans drove down the blind side. Willett took over, and Thomas ran through the cover for a try, which Willett

converted.

Thereafter, Loughborough tightened up, keeping the ball with their pack and scoring

points from sustained pressure. Exeter fought for scraps in the loose, where Evans was outstanding, but were gradually starved of possession.

Loughborough have

plenty in reserve

Baldwin, the prop. and Curric, the winger, scored tries from close range within five minutes of the restart to secure Loughborough's lead. Malone slung a long pass for Spiller to bisect the Exercer centres, then the push-over drill worked like clockwork for the No. 8, Peters.

Exeter were far from dead. Joe in the corner and Sloman and Thomas found alarming holes in the champions' defence. But in stoppage time, John ludson added to Lough-Hudson added to Lough-borough's lead after another forward drive and Malone, con-verted a penalty with the last kick of the game.

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SCORERS: Loopsborough University: Tries: Miles (2), Baldwin, Currie, Spiller, Peters, John Hudson, petalty try. Convensions: Majone (2). Penalty: Majone, Exeter University: Tries: Casebourne, Thomas, Joe Hudson. Conversion: Wilest. LOUGHSOROUGH UNIVERSITY: A Person: D Currie, D Spiller, I Bancroft, A Billington: N Majone, P Miles; G Baldwin, John Hudson, R Wareham, J Hastings, J Sweetman, D Jones, G Taylor, E Peters. EXETER UNIVERSITY: H Thomas, Joe Hudson, G Stoman, T Miller, A Armissed: D Willers, R James; S Welters, W Norton, J Austen, K McCarthy, S Casebourne, O Rowlands (rep: M Winn), G Evans, C Berow.

row. leres; G James (Leicestershire).

win in meetings with Oxford and their biggest in the fixture for 16 years in drizzly, dank conditions at Iffley Road

physique and experience, fielded only three Blues and will

Academic and international commitments mean that Smith cannot guarantee his availability, despite being in residence again next autumn, so the Dark Blues have made a policy decision to play without him.

Marketing agent gives up in disgust

By Peter Bills

The sports marketing company, Prisma, which talked of earning sums of up to £100,000 a year for leading players if the regulations on amateurism were re-laxed, has gone out of business. Tony Carter, the company chairman, who arranged meet-ings with the leading English and Welsh players, has left the

country to live in the West Indies. Several of the company's employees, including the former Blackheath coach, Alex Keay, and the Saracens captain, Floyd Steadman, are believed to have lost their jobs. Mal Malik, of Rugby RFC, was also involved

Tony McCarthy, a consultant to Prisma said: "It is true to say Prisma will no longer exist as a vehicle. I have to admit that the publicity associated with the meetings the company had with the players may have counted against it.

But the ultimate reason is that Tony Carter has decided to go and do something else and has sold out his interest in certain sections of business." Carter is said to be distilu-sioned with rugby, feeling that the game and money simply do

two cancelled games they are surprisingly close to the side likely to open the defence of the championship against the Royal Navy on March 10.

A possible exception is Walker, the Bristol University and Scotland Under-21 standoff outside half, who missed this game, but Layard played with such conviction that the selectors have a problem.
A scoreless 25 minutes gave

way to a glut of nine tries, eight of them to the Army, who thrived on a forceful back row featuring Rodber, the England B No. 8. Caskey took three heels against the head and McCall, the Army captain reputedly in his final season before retirement, was an impressive leader. Preston, the full back, created

a try for Castleton and scored another himself to emphasize the Army's 15-man effort, to which Ferdinand, a strapping flanker, and Atkins, an experienced wing, contributed

Two terriers, straining on their leads on the touchline and presumably Army followers, barked their support in an unreal atmosphere in which the unreal atmosphere in which the players produced more noise

A — Connacnt club next season. Fitzgerald led Ireland to their triple-crown triumphs in 1982 and 1985.

season's title-winning team, but after two wins, two defeats and two cancelled games they are surprisingly close to the side likely to open the defence of the likely to open the defence of the RAF to a 16-16 draw a fortnight ago.

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SCORERS: Oxforth Try: Morgan. Penelty: Oliver. The Army: Titles: Altions (2), Preston, Bardill, Taylor, Castleton, Ferdinand, Nelson. Conversioner. Spower (3).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: "D Cook (5): John's, Lestherhead and Christ Churcht; S Beschey (Otchfa CS, Swansea and St Cetherine's), I Richarde (Gykun y Strade and Wadham), R Senelt (The Perse, Cambridge and St Edmand Hell), R Morgan (Bedford and St Anne's), M Chiver (Coed-y-Lan CS and Ruskin), C Joses (East Hampsted CS, Wokingham and University); S Whiteside (Bridington and Cusen's), M Humphrey (Methodist Col. Befast and Brasencse), W Tatford (Torbridge and University), M Miscrick (Rossell and Christ Church), "W Stilleman (Wellington Col and Wyciling), B Crowder (Exeter and St Hugh's), L Jonee (RGS Guidford and St Edmand Hell), "M Egan (Terenure and St Anne's, capt).

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Belenner B Membrill (Desce) eres: B Marshall (Devon).

 Ciaran Fitzgerald, aged 37, the former Irish international hooker, is to take over as coach to the Connacht club next

Academicals confound youth of Llandovery

Liandovery College 14 Welsh Academicals 54

A strong and fit Welsh Academi-cals side carried far too much armament for the College at Liandovery yesterday, winning a fast and open game by seven goals and three tries to a goal and two tries. The common denominator of

the Welsh Academicals is that they are all concerned in some way with education, and their normal scenario is that they will run up a decent lead before ageing lungs and legs flag and the younger players will dominate the final quarter.

However the super-fit members of the South Glamorgan Institute of Further Education and Cardiff Harlequins seemed to have studied a different script. Add to this the presence of two full internationals, Wy-att, at full back, and Pickering and the brilliance of young Arensen, at stand-off half, and it is clear that the college faced an

explosive mixture. It was 22-0 at half-time and Liandovery had squandered several clear scoring chances. Bebb flipped up a basketball-type pass for Thomas to score the Academicals' first try and

kicked ahead, and Stern scored for Wyatt to convert. Butt's dropped pass allowed Bebb to hack on and touch down following a try by O'Shea as Wyatt converted both.

Finally a ruck was killed near Finally a ruck was falled near the Academicals posts and a penalty try was converted by Richards, the College running in two late tries the first scored by Ian Jones, who showed a fine turn of foot having taken Butt's scoring pass and Bourne, who scored a fine wing man's try in

Conversions: Wyst. (4), Arensen (5), Levis.

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*South Glemorgan Institute of Higher Education.

Ball has a ball in Army bring out the big guns London through after struggle

By Gordon Allan

London Hospital..... 16

UCH-Middx Hospital..... 6 The London, runners-up last year, reached the Hospitals Cup final after a muddy struggle against UCH-Middlesex at Motspur Park yesterday.

They scored two goals and a try to two penalty goals but did not make sure of the outcome until the last 20 minutes. The match began 25 minutes late when the referee failed to arrive. Erville Millar the Kent under-21 coach who has also been advising UCH-Middlesex,

stepped into the breach. UCH-Middlesex pressed for-ward for most of the first half but had only a penalty by McCoshim to show for it. Hamilton having opened the scoring for The London with a try in the corner.
UCH-Middlesex continually

undid the good work of their pack by losing the ball in the tackle or passing carelessly.

Despite these faults, they took the lead with a penalty by Keeling soon after half-time, but

that drove The London to raise

their game at last.
Their threequarters had always hinted at better things and they scored a neat try after 20 minutes when, at a scrum, Jones looped behind his centres to send in Hamilton again. Thomas, the scrum half, sealed the result 10 minutes

before the end, touching down when The London heeled against the head in the corner. Martin, the flanker, made his second well-judged conversion.
The other semi-final, between St Mary's, the holders, and Charing Cross-Westminster, which was postponed last week because of the weather, has been rearranged for Motspur Park next Thursday.

next Thursday.

SCORERS: London Hospital: Tries:
Hamiton (2). Thomas. Conversions: Martin (3). UCH Middlesex Hospital: Pensities: McCoshim. Koeling.
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Southern unions will back IRFB initiative

The Australian and New Zea-land Rugby Unions, which held their third joint meeting in Sydney last weekend, have the proposals from the Inter-national Rugby Football Board (IRFB) for a more relaxed approach to the amateur regulations.

congratulated for an "enlight-ened and timely initiative" but a statement issued by the two unions - predictably, it must be said - urges all the board's member unions to ratify the changes at the annual meeting in March, "thus ensuring the ongoing credibility of the game". Broadly speaking, the pro-

posals made public in December would permit players to accept payment for writing books, me-dia work and personal appearances (though they may not engage in promotional work related to rugby union), and compensation would be permitted for loss of earnings incurred on international duty.
It is this that the Australian

and New Zealand bodies have endorsed though their statement offers "unequivocal sup-port for the philosophy that no person should be remunerated directly or indirectly for the actual playing of the game".

By David Hands

Both unions have also backed suggestions made at the international congress at Weybridge in November for improved There is considerable concern in the southern hemisphere of

the consequences of non-ratification of the IRFB pro-posals, linked with the constant drain in Australia of players to rugby league and the present unrest of players in both coun-It is not often that the IRFB is tries who see themselves as "disadvantaged" by the demands of the game. Wales, who have lost so many leading players to rugby league over the past two seasons, will sympathize and, of the four

home unions, can be expected to go along with Australian and New Zealand aspirations. The home unions have dis-cussed jointly the IRFB pro-posals, though it is for each country to define its position before or at the board's annual

niceting.

The Rughy Football Union devoted its last general committee meeting to a discussion of the proposals and will do so again at the committee meeting tumorrow, though its leading officials are known to be op-posed to the proposals as they now stand and will press for considerable amendment.

Bonalma lands

Thurles prize

RACING

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

In very testing conditions at Thurles yesterday, Bonalma provided Arthur Moore with his first success in the Ir£20,000 P Z Mower Chase.

An indication of just how heavy the ground was riding came later in the attention of came later in the afternoon when the stewards called off today's meeting. Seven of the 10 runners in the big race were still in contention at the second last where Abbey

at the second last where Aboey Glen, a morning gamble from 8-1 to 3-1, blundered his chance away. Here, Us And Joe took a three-length lead but Bonalma was always going easily and quickened past him on the flat. Moore said afterwards that Bonalma had developed such an aversion to English-style fences that he will not run there again. However, two of yesterday's other winners. Corvassio and Ah Whisht, will travel over to

England this season. England this season.

Corvassio, winner of the Irish
qualifier in the Tattersalls
Mares Chase series for Dessie
Hughes, will contest the final of that event at Haydock Park on Saturday week.

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Pat Hogan will enter Ah Whisht for the Foxhunters at Cheltenham but the Liverpool

eye on. Carvill's Hill, a warm favourite for Saturday's Vincent O'Brien Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown, continued his big-race preparations satisfactorily yesterday.

Patricia Dreaper, wife of the trainer, Jim, said: "Carvill's Hill

Forest Sun in

action again at Wincanton Leading novice Forest Sun returns to action next Thursday at

ness Systems Novice Hurdle. Toby Balding's highly-rated chesnut, winner of his last three races, has not been seen since early last month when beating Atlaal six lengths in Sandown's Tolworth Hurdle. Subsequently he has had the cough and was

scoped clean on Monday. Not quite ready for the Village Novices race at Sandown today, Balding, nonetheless, reported the five-year-old as "fine". He will work early next week in preparation for the Wincanton

race over two miles. Champion Hurdle hope Mole Board is likely to miss Norting-ham and make his seasonal debut at Wincanton in the listed Kingwell Pattern Hurdle.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Possibility of Currier legal fight

By Keith Macklin Officials of the Rugby Football League said yesterday that they would, if necessary, fight in the courts if Andy Currier, the Widnes and Great Britain threequarter, takes legal action over his eight-match sus-

Currier was banned for eight games for an alleged high tackle in the Challenge Cup tie against Batley. When his appeal against suspension was turned down Currier announced, through the Widnes club, that he was prepared to go to law to clear his name and to remove a ban which, he claimed, could lose

him several thousands of pounds in match fees. The board of directors of the Rugby Football League last week stated categorically that there was no possibility of the matter being reopened, and that no further appeal would be countenanced within the machinery of the league.

Meanwhile, after 10 matches out through suspension, Steve Hampson, the Wigan and Great Britain full back, will be included in the Wigan squad to play Salford on Sunday. John Monie, the Wigan coach, will make up his mind later in the week whether Hampson plays a full game or is brought back as

Andy Gregory, Wigan's Great Britain scrum half, is likely to play a full match against Sal-ford. Gregory is under treatment at a London clinic for a groin injury for the third successive week.
But he said: "I am now

convinced an operation will not be necessary. There has been no adverse reaction to my 40minute run against Dewsbury last Sunday. The treatment has been first-class and I will be back home this weekend — hopefully to face Salford if selected." Oldham have signed a school-

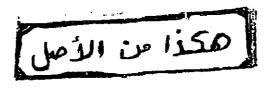
Oldham have signed a school-boy in the teeth of opposition from Widnes, Wigan, St Helens and Salford. Chris Eckersley, aged 15, a centre or wing, from Saddleworth Rangers Amateurs, a local amateur club, is an England schoolboy inter-national sprinter.

• Warrington have transfer-listed Neil Harmon, the former Gireat Ratian Linder, 1 mon ex-Great Britain Under-21 prop -

and received a shock request from Martin Crompton, the scrum half.

Both players are unhappy at losing their first-team places for the cup win over Featherstone a fortnight ago.
Warrington will listen to of-

fers for Harmon, aged 21, who has made 52 senior appearances since turning professional from Blackbrook, the St Helens club, on his seventeenth birthday. Crompton, aged 20, returned to action only in November after a 12-month lay-off with a broken leg. He has since played nine matches but has now lost his spot to Paul Bishop.



Progressive Dat Train to win again

By Mandarin

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Dat Train, a decisive winner at Windsor last time, can follow up in the Spring Nov-ices' Handicap Hurdle at Sandown Park this afternoon. He is my nap.

Although he won over two miles at Leicester in December, he looked a different proposition when asked to tackle 214 miles on his latest start. Held up, he led three out and drew steadily clear to beat Rivertino (gave 81b) by 10 lengths. Today's trip of an extended two miles five furlongs should again be right up

On a line through Rivertino, he holds Cardinal Ralph, a two lengths winner from

1.55 Bitter Buck. 2.25 Express Air. 3.00 Kilbrittain Castle.

Going: soft (back straight, good to soft)

1.55 VILLAGE NOVICES HURDLE (£3,860: 2m) (22 runners)

Rivertino at Fontwell Park at competitive handicap at New-level weights, and a greater bury in December.

Sondrio, subsequently a win- a good novices' chase at Doncaster last time and allevel weights, and a greater bury in December. threat may come from Tom's Little Bet.

The six-year-old gave trainer Billy Williams his first win for three years when successful by 10 lengths in a Wincanton handicap last month and may well have further scope for improvement.

Kilbrittain Castle can record his twelfth course win in the Londesborough Handicap Chase, a race he won last year. Fulke Waiwyn's grand campaigner shows little sign of the years catching up with him and he again ran a creditable

3.30 Cinnamon Run.

4.40 DAT TRAIN (nap).

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

Michael Scely's selection: 3.30 Cinnamon Run, Brian Beel's selection: 4.05 Sanballat.

FORM FOCUS PIFTH AMENDMENT
Lelcester (2m, actt) with CRANGMORE tailed off,
AKDAM led close home to best Kaishen %B, peir
clear, at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy); disappointing last time when besten SSI behind Midfielder at Windsor (2m 30yd, soft).

RIVERNEZAD westeened run-in when 3%I 4th of 10 to
Whatever You Like at Ascot (2m, soft) with LA-

2.25 FAIRMILE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,738: 3m 118yd) (10 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Tartan Trix, 3-1 Express Air, 5-1 Never A Penny, 13-2 Cellic Hambro, 8-1 Amedia's turs, 10-1 Castle Celcs, 12-1 others.

1989: BORACEVA 6-11-0 J Frost (13-8 fax) G Baiding 6 nan

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BETTING: 11-4 Southerneir, 3-1 Kilbrittain Castle, 9-2 Observer Corps, Aughavogue, 6-1 Bartres, 8-1 others.

1989: KILBRITTAIN CASTLE 13-10-0 K Mooney (15-8 tav) F Walwyn 4 ren

FORM FOCUS OBSERVER CORPS, Cover fences, good 2 3rd of 10 to Buckshee Boy at Norton's Colo 81 at the Chelsenham festival (2m 44, heavy) only start last term.

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BURNESTOR (2m 54, soft).

Selection: KELBRITTAIN CASTLE

Course specialists

3.0 LONDESBOROUGH HANDICAP CHASE (£4,198: 2m 4f 68yd) (10 runners)

Icap: Bara Pag 9-13, Lover Bill 9-11, Little General 9-7.

301 14P02/1- OBSERVER CORPS 336 (D.F.S) (G Clay) J Edwards 9-12-0 T Morgan 302 16P-P02 BARTRES 7 (D.F.Q.S) (Mrs D Build D Murray-Smith 11-11-11 M Bowley 303 1214-33 AUGHAVOGUE 19 (CD.F.Q.S) (K Bell & Son Ltd) C Broad 8-11-11. P McDeamet (7) 6 304 1110-33 KUBRITTAIN CASTLE 47 (CD.F.Q.S) (W Whithread) F Welveyn 14-11-2 K Mooney 305 3-26212 SOUTHERNARS 30 (B.D.BF,F.Q.S) (S Powell) J Jenkins 10-11-1 R Durseody 306 3-3422U ANOTHER SCHEDULE 35 (F.Q.) (Mrs V Black) C Brooks 9-10-3 H Davies 307 3UJ4F1P- EASTSHAW 335 (D.Q.S) (S Sainsbury) Capt. T-Foreter 8-10-2 H Davies 309 1P/S12-4 OUR NOBSY 20 (F.Q.S) (R Bestian) M Madgwick 8-10-0 B Powell 310 3TUZ/P4 PROBLEM CRUB 29 (D.Q.S) (Amby Finance Ltd) R Simpson 7-10-0 W Mords (corp. Ingeligence Cur. Nobsty 9-8 Problem Criti (9-1)

Long handleage Our Nobby 9-8, Problem Child 9-1.

TRAINERS

Bartres was never seriously in the hunt when a distant second to Desert Orchid at Wincanton last week while Observer Corps had the remarkable record last season of being a Cheltenham festival winner on his only start. However, I am more afraid of Aughavogue, who ran well until weakening from the last when third to Willsford at

Cheltenham last month. The Village Novices' Hurdle is a tricky contest in which I side with Bitter Buck. She made an excellent hurdling race when just over two debut at Ascot last season lengths third, running on when threequarters of a length strongly, to Buckshee Boy in a second to Martin Pipe's

favoured here in receiving weight from the previous

winners.

The consistent Express Air appeals as the likely winner of the Fairmile Novices' Handicap Chase while Cinnamon Run, who faced an impossible task when second to Fragrant Dawn at Newbury in December, can take the Wavendon Handicap Hurdle.

At Taunton, Okeetee looks the best bet on the programme in the Racing Post Novices' Chase Qualifier. He ran on strongly to beat Our Fellow, himself a previous winner, in

val, and although she has not though he must concede uprun for more than a year she is wards of 91b all round he should be up to the task.

Uncle Merlin puts his Grand National case up for inspection in the Trial Handicap Chase at Leicester but I prefer Willsford, whose trainer, Jenny Pitman, can also take the Belgrave Racing Chase with Midnight Train.

Taunton inspection Today's meeting at Leicester was given the go-shead after an inspection yesterday afternoon.
No further inspection is planned at the Midlands course but Taunton will hold a precautionary inspection at 7.30am.

Guide to our in-line racecard 1 113143 GOOD TWIES 13 (BF.F.Q.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 5 West (7) 88 Resocard number. Skt-figure form (F - fell. | distance winner. BF - beaten favourite in P - pulled up. U - unseated rider. B - brought down. S - slipped up. B - refused. (F - firm, good to firm, hard. G - good. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days S - soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in since last outing: F if flat. (B - blinkers. V - visor. H - hood E - Eyenheld. C - course winner. D - distance winner. CD - course and Handicapper's reting.

3.30 WAVENDON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,252: 2m) (20 runners)

Long handicap: Greenhills Pride 9-11.

SETTING: 9-2 Cinnemon Run, 11-2 Rustic Cornedy, 6-1 Penaity Double, 7-1 Doc's Coat, 8-1 L'Uomo Plu, 9-1 Little Toro, 10-1 Run High, 12-1 Bilitia, 16-1 Star Season, Greenhills Pride, 20-1 others. 1989: L B LAUGHS 6-10-12 M Richards (7-1) P Hedger 10 ran

FORM FOCUS HOMME D'AFFARE best Samhaan %1 on final start last term in Folkestone novice hurdle (2m and 100 yd, good to soft) with RUN HIGH (1b worse off) 11/4 and HOMME D'AFFARE (6ib worse off) 11/4 best off) 11/4 and HOMME D'AFFARE (6ib worse off) 11/4 best off) 11/4 and HOMME D'AFFARE (6ib worse off) 11/4 best off) 11/4 and HOMME D'AFFARE (6ib worse off) 11/4 best off) 11/4 and HOMME D'AFFARE (6ib worse off) 11/4 best off) 11/4 and HOMME D'AFFARE (6ib worse off) 11/4 best off) 11/4 and HOMME D'AFFARE (6ib worse off) 11

4.5 WILFRED JOHNSTONE HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,632: 2m 4f 68yd) (11

5-2 Summonts, 11-4 Santasist, 4-1 Half Pree, 6-1 Lawley, Hand Over, 12-1 others. 1989: CERTAIN LIGHT 11-12-2 P Hacking (4-11 fav) Mrs A Campbell 6 ran

FORM FOCUS COOLCOTTS won here (3m 118yd, good to sort) last term defeating Brunton Park 31.

SUBBRONS scored course and distance (good) win on last completed start beating Brunton Park 51.

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HALF FREE 381 4th to Nystic Music at Stratiord (3m 1900) when 13x1 2nd to Granville Park with SAN-BALLAT unseated rider 3rd.

Storing at Doncaster (2m 44, good).

4.40 SPRING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (23,135: 2m 5f 75yd (15 numers) ### HERD BASIA

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612 38P-5FP ARISTOS 16 (A J & R G Berber Lud) J Old 6-10-0
613 043-003 FAIR AGNES 36 (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 6-10-0
614 C20/05 NR AVENGER 30 (B) (Miss N Henton) J Elliott 9-10-0
615 0-PP000 TRIE MODULE 23 (Mrs D Scott) D Scott 6-10-0 . M Perrett — S McNell 91 M Hoed (7) Long handicap: Quiddity 9-10, Thunderwood 9-8, Aristos 9-7, Fair Agnes 9-6, Mr Avenger 8-4, Time Module 8-2. BETTING: 11-4 Det Train, 9-2 Muniarid, 11-2 Tom's Little Bet, 7-1 Sociel Climber, Cerdinal Ralph, 8-1 Queen's Chaplain, 10-1 Generous Scot, 12-1 Nathan Blake, 14-1 Celtic Dove, 20-1 others.

1989: LUMBERJACK 5-11-5 M Dwyer (11-4) J Fitzgerald 12 ran

FORM FOCUS CARDINAL RALPH 7: 2nd to Beau Pari in novices' event at Ascot (2n 44, good to soft). TOM'S LITTLE BET raised 15ib after beating Slater-In-Lew 10i in handicap at Wincenton (2n 61, good). NATHAN BLAKE fairly treated on handicap debut after 13i defeat of the armount of the beat Ask Moss 5i in Wincenton novice (2m 61, good). DAT TRAIN raised 15ib after beating Wild in novices' event at Calling (2n, good to firm). CELTIC DOVE fair 5i 2nd to Henry Lime in similar event at Chepstow (2m, heavy) with TIME MODULE poor 9th. Selection: CELTIC DOVE

• Akimbo, ridden by John Reid, got the 1990 British challenge at Cagnes-sur-Mer off the mark yesterday with a game victory in the £6,430 Prix Joseph Collignon. Charlie Nelson's colt, who

paid over 11-1 for a win on the Pari-Mutuel, had a neck to spare over Classic

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W McFerland (3)

Concerto, with the fast-finishing Sentimentalists 1½ lengths further back in third place.

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3.15 Mister Oddy. 3.45 Okeetee. 4.15 Sleepline Royale. 1.45 Nottage. 2.15 Topsoil. 2.45 High Ham Blues. Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Pembrokeshire Lad.

By Mandarin

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 OKEETEE. Inspection: 7.30am and theory notches in straight)

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at Epsom gets the green light

Epsom Council approved the controversial plans for the new £15 million Club stand at Epsom racecourse Wednesday night, despite opposition from local

The full council meeting was the last hurdle for the plans after the planning committee last week approved a scheme which will include a conference, leisure and health centre, a restaurant and Derhy museum and Derby museum.

United Racecourses, who run the course, had said the Derby might move elsewhere if the plans were not passed. A spokesman after the meeting said: "We are naturally extremely pleased with the result and can now get down to the final details and financing and get things moving."

But the decision disappointed

many local residents who say the scheme is a commercial dev-elopment on green-belt land and they will not benefit from it. they will not benefit from it. They object to the stand being used throughout the year for trade exhibitions and meetings.

In Muirhead, chairman of the local residents association, said: "United Racecourses has demonstrated a cavalier disregard for the interests of local residents for when the proresidents for whom the pro-posals contain no benefits and promise only a serious diminution in the amenity and environ-mental values of the Downs." The 64-year-old existing Chib stand will be torn down and work started on a new building after Derby Week in June.

Eight defectors Desert Orchid was among eight

defectors from the Seagram Grand National at the first forfeit stage yesterday.
Withdrawals: Desert Orchid, Playschool, Golden Prezza, Travel Over, Been Alainn, Golden Minstrel, Greenbank Park, Manta. (The next acceptance is March 21).

Going: hurdles heavy, chase soft

LEICESTER

Selections By Mandarin 1.45 Young Ty. 2.15 Birmingham's Pride. 2.45 Willsford. 3.15 Midnight Train. 3.45 Good Tonic. 4.15 Ecossais Danseur.

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6 PP ARBIER'S TOAST 30 M Wildianon 8-10-12 P Kelle (T. R. Swier)
7 6-00 GOLD HAND 14 K Balley 6-10-12 M. Lynch
9 PO GROVETON 65 T Casey 8-10-12 M. Lynch
10 JURANSTAN 48 C Tristine 5-10-12 R Supple
10 0-05 MASTER WILLIAM 30 J Edwards 6-10-12 M. Williamson (T. R. Supple

6-4 Young Ty, 7-2 Queen's Chaplein, 9-2 Wackers Magic, Dark Honey, 8-1 The Bywhacker, 12-1 others.

2.15 VICARAGE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

1 R230 GO GO GORGEOUS 33 F Jordan 11-10.... J Lodder (5) 2 13 BIRMINGHAM'S PRIDE 8 R Hollinshead 11-5

2.45 TRIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,386: 3m) (7)

1 -411 WELLSPORD 19 (C,B,G,S) Mrs J Pilmen 7-11-10

2 1415 BALUCHI 19 (C.D.F.Q.S) 8 Proces 9-11-8

(£1,688: 2m) (7)

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مكذا من الأصل New stand Ladbrokes lodges complaint over French monopoly

Club, said in London yesterday in response to a complaint by Ladbrokes to the EEC Commission that French racing and betting interests were acting

"It is a very serious case and a big challenge for us," he added. Ladbrokes launched a formal complaint to the Competition
Directorate suggesting that the
French government had illegally
subsidized modernization of the
French Tote (PMU) and that the PMU was therefore able to compete unfairly in other Euro-

compete unfairly in other European countries.

There was a separate complaint that the French government had protected the PMU's monopoly of betting in France, worth over £3 billion last year.

"They are attacking the French Republic," Romanet insisted. "Bookmaking is not permitted in France; it is against our criminal law,"

our criminal law."

Ladbrokes were unrepentant. Spokesman John Harounoff said: "We have made two complaints which the Competition Directorate is investigating. We are a major British company intent on expanding to Europe and else-where. We don't get any help from our Government, but have to compete with the French in other EEC countries.

"We have said that over a number of years substantial financial assistance to the PMU from their government was not has enabled them to compete unfairly under the regulations of the Treaty of Rome.

Europe and 1993 were very much in Romanet's mind when he outlined how he saw racing

"The European betting war is on," Louis Romanet, directorgeneral of the French Jockey would disappear over the next few years.

The relaxation of restrictions has already begun and now one-third of listed races and selling races on Parisian courses are open to foreign horses. Romanet expected that all barriers to competition between English and French horses would be

removed by 1993.
French racing flourished last year, PMU turnover rose by 4.6 per cent to 31.3 billion francs and French prize-money for this year has increased by 61/2 per

The CIGA weekend at Longchamp, including the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, now carried prize-money in excess of 18 million francs and was, Romanet said: "very clearly the richest weekend in Europe. Romanet was worried about the lack of competition among cup horses. He anticipated a European bonus scheme might be set up to encourage stayers but if it was not successful he was apprehensive about the

future of races over long Takes.

This year the major French racing authorities are being brought together under a new umbrella, the Union du Galop, with half the representatives of

elected by racing professionals. A new seven-day entry system was being introduced and horses declared to run 48 hours in advance, which were withdrawn for veterinary reasons, would automatically be banned from running for the following eight

days. At the major French courses both horses and jockeys are declared 48 hours in advance of he outlined how he saw racing a race while in England jockeys expanding. Protective barriers are declared 45 minutes preventing horses from one beforehand.

> 5 1-6P SNEAKAPENNY 33 (C,Q,S) M Wikinson 8-11-2 6 (241 UNCLE MERLIN 35 (D,G) T Forsier 9-10-13 H Device 7 PP LARRY-0 29 (F.Q.S) C Brooks 10-10-7 11-10 Wilstord, 3-1 Uncle Merlin, 5-1 High Edge Grey, 11-2 uchi, 12-1 others.

3.15 BELGRAVE RACING CHASE (£3,210: 2m 4f)

1 F1F2 EL GALILEO 14 (D.C.S) O Sharwood 8-11-12 J Cal 2 F3P4 MEDNIGHT TRAIN 19 (G,S) Mrs J Phonen 9-11-12 3 -100 BALLINAVEEN 3 (C.F) C Saunders 10-11-8

3.45 THURNBY NOVICES CHASE (£2,817: 2m) (13) A5) MURINDY NOTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO 2 4712 RANDOM ROMANCE 10 (D,S) D Nicholson 7-11-4

9-4 Good Tonic, 5-2 Random Romanos, 7-2 Georgic, 8-1 Quarry Town, A: Hashimi, 10-1 lame Princess, 16-1 others. 4.15 SOMERBY NOVICES HURDLE (£1.360: 2m)

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Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 15 winners from 32 runners, 48.9%; Mrs J Pikman, 31 from 88, 35.2%; O Sherwood, 3 from 21, 14.3%; M Wilkinson, 4 from 28, 14.3%; J Edwards, 4 from 38, 10.5%, (Only JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 8 winners from 34 rides, 23.5%, (Only qualifier).

2 10-4 TYLERS WOOD 9 (D,F,G) S Dow 5-9-10 C Campbell (7) 8 3 -852 SECKINGHAM BEN 19 (B,D,F,G) J Leich 6-9-2 Does McKlanus 2

7-4 Hinari Video, 5-2 Beckingham Ben, 7-2 Tylers Wood, 8-1 Inswinger, 8-1 Ration Of Passion, 10-1 others.

2.40 GTS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,427: 1m 4f) (13)

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F Worten (7) 6 5 -034 MILL'S HALO 5 (B.BF) J Edwards 4-8-10... A McGlone 4 6 350- RIBOKEYES BOY 22J (F,G) A Davison 8-8-10

12 IRON REGRET 46J (V) J Okt 5-8-1 M Pry 5-13 335/ BALLANTRAE 252J R Voorspuy 6-8-0 S Greenen 2 7-2 Super Gunner, 4-1 HIII's Halo, 5-1 Running Flush, 6-1 Daddy's Derling, 8-1 Glenstel Abbey, Sik Dynasty, 12-1 others.

3.10 JOHN KING HANDICAP (22.343: 5f) (9) 10 JOHN KING FEMILIEU (CD,G) M Johnston 5-10-0 1 1610 HINARI VIDEO 2 (CD,G) M Johnston 5-10-0 8 Rabjoles (7) 1

LINGFIELD PARK Selections

By Mandarin 1.40 Times Are Hard, 2.10 Fallow Deer. 2.40 Autobird, 3.10 Hinari Video, 3.40 Silk Dynasty.

Going: standard Draw: 51-1m, low numbers best

1.40 QUOTRON HANDICAP (£3,243: 1m 2f) (7 1 110) PARK STREET 40.1 (F.G) O Sherwood 5-10-0 W Ryan 4
2 149- SANDICLIFTE STAR 166 (F.G) B HEIS 4-9-12. IN HIRS 2
3 -613 RAPPORTEUR 14 (CD) C C Seey 4-9-13. J WRISINGS
4 /05- MATIVE FLAR 180 (D.F) R Amstrong 5-8-12 A Shouts B
5 430- RESIGAS REAT 33.1 (F) I Campbell 5-8-7. J Calex (S) 3
6 -113 TIMES ARE HARD 28 (CD) D Burstell 6-3 T WILLIAMS 7
7 -541 CHOSSY PLACE 9 (B,CD) M Haynes 4-7-9 (Sex)
S Designs 1

r, 5-1 Reggae Beat, others. 2.10 GLOBAL REPORT MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m) (9)

5-2 Fellow Deer, 3-1 Park Forum, 7-2 Sepophrine, 5-1 Ledy Grenville, 8-1 Supedupa, 10-1 Walkanini, 12-1 others.

240 F X TRADER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O:

6-4 Magic Ane, 2-1 Autobird, 8-1 Joviel Kate, 8-1 Mac's Best, 10-1 Sockern, 14-1 Princess Jessica.

Blinkered first time LINGFEELD PARK: 3.10 Bet Ofver, 3.40 Toscens

4.10 FX QUOTE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,761: 1m) (8) 5 860- LINGFELD LASS 127 W Museon 8-10 ... M Wighout 2 6 955- BOLD ENDEAVOUR 150 M Fetherston-Godley 8-9 7 1-21 GIVE IN 30 (5) (D) Mrs N Mecauley 8-6...... N Adema 1 8 0-83 HUNZA'S CHORES 9 P Michel 7-7 G Bardwell 7 5-2 Dr Maccarter, 3-1 Super Ona, 7-2 Marsaol, 5-1 Give In, 8-1 Hunza's Choice, 10-1 Natiem, 12-1 others. Course specialists TRAINERS: M Johnston, 3 winners from 9 namers, 33.5%; W O'Gormen, 9 from 37, 24.3%; D Burchell, 3 from 15, 20.0%; R Abeliurst, 29 from 173, 18.8%; M Prescott, 3 from 19, 15.8%; B Hills, 8 from 53, 15.1%.
JOCKEYS: S O'Gormen, 8 winners from 32 rides, 18.8%; G Duffield, 13 from 88, 14.8%; T Quinn, 27 from 195, 13.6%; W Ryan, 8 from 76, 10.5%. (Only quelifiers).

Glover maintains momentum rode her first winner when Rose

Jeremy Glover extended his excellent recent run to five winners from six runners when Fighter Command, ridden by apprentice Steve Williams, wen the Juliet National Hunt Flat

Of Peace landed the Romeo Selling Hurdle. However, the race had its share of tragedy when Oil Fever, who was leading the field, shattered a tendon race at Lingfield yesterday.
Sharon Pengelly, aged 19, approaching the fourth last and had to be put down.

Lingfield Park Going: standard '

1.40 (2m 4f hole) 1, PURICHRAS (B Powell, 2-1); 2, Dutch Majesty (J Halls, 6-4 fav); 3, Apollo King (R Durwoody, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 20-1 Durcton HE (4th), 4 ran. 31, 301, 41. G Ham at Axbridge. Total 23.00.

2.10 (2m 4f) 1, ROSE OF PEACE (Staron Pengelly, 6-1); 2, Grand Occasion (A Carrott, 16-1); 3, Koobi Obi (I Shoemark, 7-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Sultay Tawdry (5th), 6 Midsummer Walk (4th), 10 Siten Song (6th), 12 Oil Fever (pu). 7 ran. NR: Vicercy Major. 191, 14, 14, 8, ds. 17 Hallett et Saltash. Tota: £11.30; £2.60, £2.10, DF: £113.60, CSF: £72.76. No bid.

2.48 (2m 4f hole) 1, OLYMPUS REEF (Tarnya Devis, 9-2); 2, Batanie Bridge (M Perrett, 5-2); 3, Wingcommander Entn (P Holley, 9-4 tav). ALSO RAN-6 Bravo Star (4th), 10 Glen George (5th), 12 Fort Wapping (pu). 6 mn. NR: Lobric, 5t, 4t, 30t,

dist. P Davis at Feckenham. Tota: £4.80; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £14.65. 3.10 (2m hdle) 1, SRNG THE BLUES (Dale McKeown, Evens tev); 2, Toad Aleng (M Richards, 7-4); 3, Selar (D Hood, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 25 Total Lining (4th). 4 ran. 7. dist, dist. C Benssed at Epsom. Tota: £1.60. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.96.

3.40 (2m hdio) 1, MEN OF YORICSHERE (H Davies, 9-4 fav); 2, Neuthalf (P Holley, 100-30); 3, Bickerman (Dale McKeown, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Lizzy Longstocking (4th), 9 African Safari (5th), 5 ran, 12, 8, 71, 71, 0 Grissell at Heathfield, Tote: £4,00; £2,80, £2,30, DF: £6,30, CSP: £9,25.

4.10 (1m 5! Fist) 1, FIGHTER COM-NAND (S D Williams, 1-2 tay; Mandarin's nap); 2, Greenhills Warrior (J Ryan, 6-1); 3, Barradale (Mrs D Grasel, 20-1), ALSO RAN: 9 Sunstane (4m), 10 Heron's Jete, Ethe Etotie (6th), 20 Stzzling Sun, Pen Bai Queen (5th), 6 ran. 2, 12, 20, 11, 12, 3, 1 Giover at Worksop, Tota: £1,40; £1,10, £1,90, £3,20, DF: £3,20, CSF: £4,86.





The tour officials are thus

able to use two tees, without which facility a tournament accommodating 132 players could never be held at this

time of the year. By common

consent, it is a fine test of golf.

nament is unique, since it

provides the extraordinary

spectacle of an R & A official

in the clubhouse, equipped with magnifying glass and diverse mathematical aids,

poring over the clubs of

players who feared they might

fall foul of the rule governing

the grooves on club heads. He was Dr Alastair Coch-

ran, a lecturer at Aston

University and also consul-

tant to the R & A implements

and balls committee, who he

is here to advise tour officials

how to establish whether the

Cochran said he had been

approached by between 40

and 50 players within 48 hours

and had vetoed 15 to 20 clubs

including a one-iron belonging

to Sam Torrance, Random

checks will be made during the

tournament, and disqualifica-

tion would automatically fol-

low if a club were found not to

Billy McGinty, the Warring-ton forward, will be out for six

McGinty out

rule has been broken.

In another way the tour-

Seniors cruise to 50m finals

From Craig Lord Gotkenberg

Madeleine Scarborough and Caroline Woodcock, the senior members of the English TSB squad at the Swedish Open World Cup meet here, qualified comfortably for finals on the last day of competition.
Scarborough, of Portsmouth
Northsea, followed ber victory

on Tuesday in the 100 metres butterfly with a well paced 50 metres heat of 29.20sec to qualify fourth for the final. Scarborough is ranked only fourth in the event, but on form a good start in the final by the British teacher should result in victory. Scarborough won a bronze medal in the 100 metres butterfly at the Commonwealth

Games last month.

Woodcock. of Barnet, goes into the final of the 50 metres freestyle in sixth, but only 0.40sec behind Lou Yaping, of China, the fastest qualifier with 26.80sec. Ranked third in Gothenberg, Woodstock will have to perform at her best to greater medial energies with these ensure medal success, with three members of the Swedish nat-

of their home crowd. Nick Polkinghorne, of Truro, swam a tremendous heat in the ify sixth for the final in Imin best. In the same event, Dimitri Volkov clocked 1min 02.87sec, but did not look like fulfilling his promise of breaking Adrian Moorhouse's world record.

Austyn Shortman, who will this summer start hard preparation for the world champion-ships in Perth, Australia, next January, swam close to his best with 52.59sec in the 100 metres freestyle, for fifteenth place. Shoruman, of Bristol, has gained valuable experience in the World Cup series this winter and admits that more serious training, including a weights programme, will be needed to make the step to a world top 10

For the second day running, pic champion, from Japan, will have to swim off for a place in a backstroke final after managing only 59.45sec in the heats of the 100 metres. Favourites in the Commonwealth champion, from Canada, and Sergei Zabolotnov, of the Soviet

BOXING

Douglas is praised by Tyson

heavyweight champion, arrived back in New York conceding that James "Buster" Douglas was a "great" new champion, determined to regain his title. "Just give me a rematch," he said. "That's all I ask for Things will be a lot different.* Tyson, wearing dark glasses that hid an abrasion on his eye which he said was "not very attractive", sat beside his promoter and adviser. Don King. "I'm not the champion any more. I just want to get the title back," Tyson said. "He fought very well. He had a great night and I commend him on his

effort. It was great, it was splendid I fought a bad fight. I don't want to take anything away from this champ." Tyson was asked if he had lost the intimidation factor. "I never used intimidation," he said. "I won fights because I was the best fighter in the world. I still believe I'm the best fighter in

the world. Just give me another King called the news conference to deny accusations that he had been responsible for the World Boxing Council and the World Boxing Association hold-ing up immediate recognition of Douglas as the undisputed champion for his tenth-round

knockout of Tyson in Tokyo.

King said he protested only
after the eighth round, when

Douglas took a long count after Tyson had knocked him down. We're withdrawing all protests. We never asked anyone to modify or change any decision,

King said.

King said he did not yet have a deal for Evander Holyfield, the No. I contender, to surrender his right to meet Douglas in the mpion's first defence in favour of a Tyson rematch. Dan Duva, Holyfield's manager, said earlier in the day that he had been discussing with King the possibility of Holyfield stepping aside for "much more" than \$3

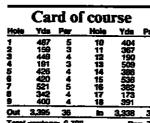
BY PILOT CUTTER TO LENINGRAD

Top of the class is still not enough to please Rafferty

Ronan Rafferty is a hard man to please. Either that or he takes delight in leading the Press by the nose. At about this time last year, with a new to say nothing of the Ryder Cup, he stopped the conversation with the stunning observation: "I don't think I'm as good a player as the Press make me out to be." He saw no reason to change

that view yesterday as he set forth on another PGA European Tour season which offers record number of 37 tournaments and unprecedented prize-money of more than £16 million. "I still don't think I am," he said, almost defiantly.

By which, presumably, we can assume that he had not played well in Australia, where his victory must have been achieved by pure luck, to follow the fortunate three in Europe last year which took him to the top of the Volvo Order of Merit. And we all know that Mark Calcavecchia lay down and let him walk all



over him in a crucial Ryder Cup contest.

It was, in other words, pinch-of-salt time, and he remains the player to beat in the inaugural Atlantic Open, which starts here today.

Although some of the senior prefects are otherwise engaged, school has reassembled at the fledgling Estela Golf Club, 20 miles to the north of Oporto along the seaboard of the pounding Atlantic.

It is a remarkable creation. only a year old, on a sliver of land no more than 200 yards wide in places. It has many of the characteristics of British links golf, with sand dunes rising on either side, but somehow the architect has

Grenier's wise moves

One certain way to end a loving relationship is to play together but Claude Grenier and Cornelia Vogler were paying the received wisdom scant regard as they dominated the seventh annual Arizona World Ping pro-

Grenier, a French Canadian based in Austria for the last three years, since meeting Vogler in Tunisia, shot a four-under-par 68 in the second round at McCormick Ranch on Tuesday for a total of 137, seven under. Brian Waites, a former Ryder Cup notable, was four shots behind after a 71 and

European Tour regulars, such as Stephen Bennett and John

Grenier's team, consisting of Vogler and her parents, was 32 under par, two strokes ahead of its nearest challengers and a model of domestic harmony. LEADING SECOND ROLIND SCORES: 137: C Grenner (Aus), 69, 68 141: B Wantes (Notes), 70, 71, 143: G Stafford (Gains-

weeks after an operation on a fractured cheekbone, which was injured in the Silk Cut

Challenge Cup win over Trafford Borough Loans extended Lincoln City have extended the loan periods of John Cornforth, from Sunderland,

Claydon light on pressure

From Mitchell Platts Golf Correspondent

It was like old times for Russell Claydon as be rubbed shoulders with Greg Norman when the first round of the Australian Masters began here on the Huntungdale course.

Twelve months ago. Claydon lit the blue touchpaper on a remarkable performance with a first round of 66, which hoisted him to the top of the leader board. There he remained until Norman, with four birdies in the final six boles, won the title for a record fifth time.

Claydon subsequently joined the professional ranks, but his exploits last year have not be forgotten in Australia. "Russell is such a charismatic character, and he did so much for the event, that I felt it right that he should get the chance to start this tournament the way he ended the last - playing along-side Greg." Frank Williams, the Masters tournament director. said. "Last year he didn't have a decent pair of shoes, and he couldn't pay for a caddie. He was the most amateur-looking amateur I'd ever seen. But he is

a tovely felia." Claydon has since relinquished his job as a traince surveyor and is managed by his former employer, both of whom are members at the Gog Magog club which he joined nine years ago at the age of 15.

Initially. Claydon felt life in the professional world would be no different. He has revised that outlook: "It's a whole new ball game. At first I did not think it would be. Then it suddenly dawns on you. For one thing, I will not have so many weekends off to go and watch Spurs!

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playing for my living.
"But I don't feel any pressure in my new environment. Pressure is something you can only put on yourself. I am not that land of person. What other people expect of you is something for which you can't allow. All I ever tried to do as an amateur was my best; I have no reason to change now," he said as he moved towards the first tee with Norman and David

"It is always a bonus to be drawn with a player better than you. My performance last year set me up for the rest of the year because I was the person who came second to Greg Norman. It also gave amateur golf a higher profile in Britain and that

was good for the game."
That was emphasized in Atlanta, Georgia, in August when Claydon's enthusiasm filled the Great Britain and Ireland learn with the confidence to win the Walker Cup on American soil for the first time. Claydon had already won the Amateur Championship, Berkshire Trophy, Lagonda Trophy, the English county champions tournament and, in Australia, the Lake Macquarie event. It was time for Claydon to turn

immediate exemption for the 1990 PGA European Tour, but earned his player's card at the qualifying school at La Manga

He will play in the Desert Classic in Dubai next week and 20 to 25 other tournaments.

"I didn't start well, so I was happy to make it at the end of the day," Claydon said. "How can I complain, anyway? I spent a year sleeping in the back of a car and eating fish and chips to stay on the amateur circuit. Now I'm out here with all to play for. What is there at stake in Europe? More than million! That can't be too bad."

Not that Claydon has had treasurer. He missed the cut in two tournaments last month and he was eliminated at the second-round stage of the Australian matchplay champ ionship last week. "I played well, but I've lacked confidence
with the putter." Claydon said.
"I've not broken 36 putts in a
single round. It's frustrating but I don't get angry. What is the point of kicking the bag or

Claydon, whose fiancée, Jacqueline Williamson, is with him, appears to possess the ideal fessional game. He refuses to get agitated even when some observers insist that at 16st he might be rather heavy for goil.

shouting at the caddie?"

"I don't smoke. I don't drink apart from the occasional beer, and the fact that I'm 16st seems to worry others more than me," Claydon said. "The weight does not effect my stamina or my swing. And if the worst thing that ever happens to Russell Claydon is to be compared with rofessional.

Billy Bunter, then I'll be all right."

Twiggs facing a chilling prospect Unusually strong and chilling winds, sweeping the headlands at the Torrey Pines North and South public courses threaten

South public courses, threaten to turn the £900,000 Shearson Lehman Hutton Open, which starts here at La Jolla, Califor-nia, today, into something of an ordeal (John Ballantine writes).

Greg Twiggs, aged 29, a 17st local professional, has got just the figure for the defence of his title. But, on the whole, Americans are much less stoical in these harsh conditions than their European counterparts.

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with pinched blue faces, they could well be off to the ski slopes rather than the tees.

Twiggs's victory over Mark O'Meara and the Australian, Steve Elkington, raised a few eyebrows last year. This season, we have already had three other surprise witners - Robert Gamez in Tucson, Tommy Armour III in Phoenix and, last Sunday, David Ishii.

Often they wear "long johns", or other fleecy undergarments. Ishii, aged 34, a Honolulu-born professional who plays

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The field here plays both the 6.659-yard North and the 7.021-yard South courses, today and tomorrow respectively, con-cluding with 36 holes on Sunday on the championship South links, which has a dangerous lake right in front of the green at the long 18th. Perhaps not quite up to the take at The Belfre which drowned so many Ryder Cup hopes last year, but still a fine finishing feature.

Sports school to coach able and disabled

Britain's first sports school to offer coaching to both able-bodied and disabled pupils is to be established at the Alexander Stadum, Birmingham (Louise Taylor writes). It will provide top-level coaching in swimming and athletics for 100 children aged between 12 and 14, half of whom will have a disability. It is due to open during the

It is due to open during the Easter holidays in April. Places will be open to children attending a mainstream or special school in the Birmingham area and who have a proven interest in athletics or swimming. Sponin athletics or swimming, spon-sored by Wesleyan Assurance, the school is also being sup-ported by Birmingham City Council, the British Sperts Association for the Disabled (BASD) and the Sports Council

(West Midlands). A team of nationally recognized coaches has been se-lected to coach the children. If the Birmingham project proves successful, Weslevan intends to support a series of coaching

David Miller examines the World Cup claims of David Platt

A player in the Robson tradition

When Bobby Robson comes to consider whether David Platt, the leading goalscorer in the first division, is capable of raising the at present limited prospects of England's World Cap team, he might well reflect upon Platt's similarity to an England player of more than 30 years ago. Himself.

I am not referring to the Robson of the World Cup campaign of 1960-62, by when he was forming the midfield partnership with Johany Haynes in a 4-2-4 formation, only to lose his place through injury to Bobby Moore just before the finals in Chile. The goalscoring abilities of the present England manager, so like Platt's in certain respects, were evident five years before that as an old-fashioned attracking inside forward with West Bromwich.

Transferred from Fulham to the Hawthoras in 1956, Robson scored 24 goals in 41 League matches in 1957-58, and was in the post-Munich World Cup squad that might, in spite of its tragic setback, have reached at least the semi-final under Wal-Sweden. Drafted into the side in the

last international match of the ill-fated Byrne, Edwards and Taylor, against France, Robson was then brought back to replace the youthful but still emotionally the youthful but still emotionally traumatized Bobby Chariton following the 5-0 defeat by Yugoslavia in Belgrade immediately preceding the finals. In the 2-2 draw with Austria, Robson missed the opening that would have taken England to the quarter-finals. Instead, he was replaced by Broadbent and England were eliminated in a play-off by the Soviet Union.

The similarity with Platt to-day is that he did not give an immediate impression, either in skill or pace or tenacity, that he was a player of above average significance. Yet Platt, who has aree under-21 and three B XI appearances, has the same capacity as Robson had to play, nearly all of the time, above his apparent potential. This is because of a natural, inherent ntelligence for the game. Knowing where to be.

"He gives us footballing intelligence wherever he is on the field," Graham Taylor, his manager at Aston Villa, says. "He influences the whole team." It is a widespread assumption

that Platt is a natural goalscoring replacement for Bryan Robson, presently injured and, as in 1986, in danger of missing the World Cup limals. missing the World Cup finals. With a pleasingly balanced attitude, which makes young Gascoigne look more than ever as though be has jumped straight from the kindergarten, Platt makes no such assumption kimself. "I don't think Bryan's situation necessarily strengthens my chances," he says, "and



A manager's dream: David Platt, of Aston Villa, is level-headed, influential and reliable

World Cup at this stage. Anyway, my performances for Aston Villa will determine whether I'm

With the return of Neil Webb still questionable following his long absence with a ruptured Achilles tendon, there is a case ncames tenion, there is a case for including Platt whether or not Robson is fit, such is England's persistent lack of goals. Indeed, Platt could have been Robson's club partner, had Ron Arkinson not allowed him to leave Old Trafford some four years ago for Crewe.

Platt was with Manchester United for 18 months, but found himself in the third team, kept out of the reserves at the time by Stapleton and Hughes. Suffering an injury at the same time as Stapleton, he found the Irishman to be a friendly source of advice and encouragement during mutual physiotherapy peri-ods, and to some extent fashioned his style on the mobile

Platt has always been a centre forward, from school days, dur-ing which, appearing some weekends for three different teams, he once scored 90 goals in Crewe on a free transfer. Dario Gradi, the manager, shrewdly

the pressure off, and to beip him "He could play football," Gradi says. "He had a great

willingness to run, and was two-footed. The work he did on the wing, up and back in a 4-4-2/4-2-4 formation, helped create the mina that he has now." When Waller, one of Gradi's two centre forwards, moved to Shrewsbury, he switched Platt back to the middle, where he

scored 24 goals in one season and 21 by January in the next, before Taylor signed him for a record fourth division fee of "He was not obviously excep-

tional at anything," Gradi re-calls, "but he was good at everything, especially the ability to time his runs into the penalty area. The World Cup? Well, I saw Neil Webb when he was in Reading's reserves, and we tried to sign him at Crystal Palace, and I would say that Platt is every bit as good as Webb."

Platt says that Taylor has not

is any way attempted to chang him. "He bought me for what I was." Taylor merely reflects that what he has done is give Platt the stage on which to perform, whereas with Crewe be was still shaping his career.
"I knew when I signed him

that he could play anywhere,"
Taylor says. "Up front, he
knows when to drop off. In
midfield, he knows exactly when to run. He's not quick, but quick at the right time. He's not great in the air, but he scores with his head. Timing. He continually exceeds his talent, surprising

spectators who have seen him

only a few times."
Playing for the national team, as Bobby Charlton has always insisted, is a slog and a matter of insisted, is a slog and a matter of character more than ability: though, of course, such an ability as his was priceless. Yet players with dependable tem-perament, such as Cohen, Roger Hunt and Hurst, and latterly Walker and Lineker, will always be more reliable for inter-national matches than variable, nurreliable talents such as Cor-

turenable talents such as Cerrie, Hudson, Hoddle and, I suspect, Gascoigne.

Taylor pays Platt the perfect compliment. "When I go to sleep on a Friday night." Taylor says,

unreliable talents such as Cur-

Gradi. whose coaching com petence tends not to be widely recognized, thinks that the Eng-land manager should not hesi-tate. Bobby Robson's future managerial reputation might yet

TENNIS

Soldiering on in the ranks

It was probably just as well that Pat Cash did not start his singles comeback in the Challenger at Croydon this week. He might not have taken too kindly to being his own ballboy, or paying a £5 deposit for a clean towel and set of practice balls, or playing on a court sandwiched between two others. "Can I have my ball back, please, mister?" The former Wimbledon champion left such indignities behind

vears ago. Croydon, in case Cash has forgotten his roots, is tennis on the other side of the tracks; rank-and-file tennis played by slogging foot soldiers dreaming of joining the cavalry. The highest ranked player in the field of 32 was Wahlgren at No. 85; the lowest, Sapsford at No. 345. In between come Riglewski, Mronz, Youi - good players but hardly household names.

The first prize is £4,400; not bad for four good days at the office, derisory compared to the £80,000 the winner of the Stuttgart Classics will pocket next week. But then that is not the point of Challengers.

Challengers are not really about money at all. If you carn enough to cover expenses, to pay your hotel bill and the plane ticket to the next tournament, you are doing well. The whole point of Challengers, as their name suggests, is to put players off, to make life as difficult as possible so only the most committed will survive. They are an assault course for mind

"You have to stay positive the whole time and think that one day you'll get the break," Marius Barnard, aged 21, said. He saved his prize-money back in South Africa to fund his trip over here. He has 15 Association of Tennis Professionals singles points, and is ranked No. 548 on the computer. He could not get into the singles tournament at Telford last week, but earned £175 in the

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for the week. "I've given myself three years to make it." he said. "Sometimes you feel: 'What am I doing here? Particularly in England, where there is nowhere to practise and you spend a lot of time hanging around. But that's just the way it is."

Nduka Odizor is at the other end of his career. "The Duke" is now 31 and the days of sunshing and success, when he reached the fourth round at Wimbledon, are over.

Tennis has treated him very well, thank you; taken him from his home in Lagos to all parts of the world, from borrowing \$500 (about £300) from the owner of the now defunct Houston Gamblers American football team to a degree in marketing at the University of Houston and untold riches. So why is he here. scrabbling for small change?

"Good question," Odizor said, "It's part of life. I want to get back in the limelight because no one is going to say: 'Duke, you're a nice guy, you can be ranked No. 9 for the rest of your life'. You've got to earn it. Like being a doctor or anything, you have to pay your dues."

For some players, paying their dues involves sleeping in the locker-rooms, finding a family who will put you up for £10 a night, or sponging off friends. They do not mind that - it is the way to the top - but they do mind the lack of atmost and the lack of ballboys.

"Playing in the middle of two other courts, I felt like a piece on a scrabble board," Odizor said.
"I haven't played like that since college. Why couldn't they put up seats around the court. publicize it a little hit, particularly for kids? Who knows, there might be another Roger Taylor out there."

The answer is simple - cost. For the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA), the organizers of

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doubles - enough to cover his the event. Challengers are a £15-a-night bed and breakfast problem, not commercial problem, not commercial enough to sell to sponsors, too expensive to pass off as an incidental expense. The LTA has spent £93,000 in staging the Challengers at Telford and Croydon. The bill for umpires alone is £17,000. Costs have to be cut at every corner.

"The standard of tennis here is fantastic," John Feaver, the tournament director, said. "But how many people are going to come out and pay £5 on a Thursday afternoon in Croydon? I'd love to sell it to a sponsor, buil honestly couldn't recommend it."

Feaver nearly had heart fail-

ure when Cash said he wanted to play. Cash meant crowds and extra expense. Feaver did not Squeezed by cost on one side

and the players' needs on the other, the LTA has un-ashamedly narrowed its aims. Challengers in Britain are run to give home players a better chance of making it. Unfortu-nately, none has taken the opportunity. Yesterday, the last two British players, Nick Brown and Chris Bailey, were both beaten in straight sets in the quarter-finals, leaving two West Germans, a Frenchman and a Portuguese to benefit from the generosity of the LTA.

Yet, for all the infantrymen of tennis, the real question is; how many players should be able to earn a decent living from the game? About 400, Feaver reck-ons. "But remember," he said, "these guys are playing the game they love and they're travelling the world. What are their mates doing? Flogging insurance. maybe; getting on the Under-ground every day. Nine-tenths would swap. "Even for Croydon on a wet Thursday.

RESULTS: Counter-finals: U. Riglewski (WG) Dt. R. Wests (USt. 3-6, 7-6, 7-6, 0-6, 0-6, 0-6, 0-6, 0-7-6, 7-6, 0-7-6

TABLE TENNIS

Change of format is wanted

By Richard Eaton

The England captain, Donald Parker, has assailed the European league system that can allow England's excellent victory over Czechoslovakia at Bude on Tuesday to be devalued by controversial selections from

other countries. Parker is calling for a change of format after seeing much of the advantage of a 4-3 victory dissipated by Poland's un-expected debacle against West

The Poles, without either of their world-class players, Andree Grubba and Leszek Kucharski, lost 7-0 to the Ger mans, who now have a chance of the title. England must beat the Germans in the last match of the season at Bealeyheath on March is if they are to avoid relegation from the Super Division. What Parker would like to see is a competition that has a

knockout system during its later stages and group matches early on "Then if a country turns up with a weak team, it gets eliminated." he said. However, Parker's worries were slightly reduced by the 4-3 victory for France over the title

holders, Sweden. This means if Desmond Douglas and Carl Prean can do the business again, England will survive by finishing above either Sweden or Czechoslovakia, who play each other. other.
Douglas, returning after two years of European league retirement, was back to his vintage best with two wins on Tuesday. best with two wins on Tuesday.

RESULTS: England 4, Carechostovalds 3 (Crysten names first: Monte sergies: Dibout as ctif Janot, 21-15, 21-16, Ciprent if Publish 8-21, 21-19, 21-19, Dougsas to Kobal, 21-19, 20-22, 21-10, Promibilisms, 21-16, 21-13, Monte and Sandrew local 13-Javance and Kobal, 16-21, 21-14, 13-21. Women's singles & Corbon cist to Rikadaman, 21-17, 11-21, 12-21 Missed doubles: Ancrew and Carbon lost to Janot and Kasalova, 15-21, 21-12, 14-21.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Lightning strike it rich

American football in Europe has received a £1.5 million boost from the sport retailer, Wilson, which is to sponsor the International League of American Football (ILAF), which begins on April 13.

The head coach of London Lightning, Jack Elway, the father of the Denver Broncos' quarterback. John Elway, was full of praise for the extent of the three-year package. He said: "It's very important, a huge step league will benefit greatly."

The deal includes backing of the league and the provision of protective equipment, uniforms

The league will feature London Lightning who will play at Stamford Bridge. Birmingham Bears, who will play at Villa Park, the home of Aston Villa football club, and teams based in Barcelona, Helsinks, Munich and Amsterdam, Elway said: "There is a tremendous tradition at Chelsea's ground and we are looking forward to playing there."

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The news amazes

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Faced with a constant round

of sail changes and repairs, and cut off by poor radio atmospher-

ics, we naively expect the outside world to remain very

much as it was when we left Auckland II days ago. To now hear of Nelson Mandela's release, the fast

changing political scene in the Soviet Union, the planned re-unification of Germany, the toppling of Mike Tyson, all in

one week, comes as something of a shock to the system. What, we are asking, will the world be like when we step out of our

time-capsule at the end of the

knot gale last weekend, Roth-mans averaged 24 knots as we surfed through these ice-strewn

seas, often touching speeds close to 30 knots.

The sensation of racing a boat

at this pace, never quite knowing where the divide between

windswept and wipe-out lies, is a thrill that never seems to pall. At these speeds, it feels as though a giant hand suddenly grabs the boat and thrusts us forward. As the speed climbs, so

does the bow wave, reaching spreader height at times. Snaking down the waves, the boat starts to hum and vibrate just

like a Tube train rushing continuously across a set of

Our second "first" is that

apart from sails blowing out, the equipment, like spinnaker poles,

end fittings and breaking blocks,

that lost us so much during

If only the winds would

remain steady, we know Roth-mans is capable of sustaining an average of 20 knots. Frustrat-

ingly they do not. Even during the height of the storm last

eekend, when we overtook

of the 2.2oz heavy chute and us

By comparison, our own momentous "firsts", chalked up this week, now seem so minor. For one fantastic half-hour while blasting through the Southern Ocean ahead of a 50-

Peter Ball finds that the new chief executive of football has an optimistic view of the next century

Sandford sees a future for 92 clubs

Arthur Sandford has not taken on his new job as chief executive of the Football Leaone in preside two is the philosophy of the Taylor Reproposing. emberment. Outlining his vision of the League which he would take into the next ceatury, he yesterday insisted that it would still encompass

"I believe every club should still be in existence in the year 2000, and is much better shape than they are now," Sandford told a football writ-Sandiora 1000 a 10000au wru-ers' huch in Manchester yes-terday, his first public engagement since taking office

If that was a clear statement on behalf of the existing structure, Sandford, however,

chief scout, a 50-year-old

grandfather with no coaching

experience, was the surprise choice yesterday to succeed

John Docherty, who was dis-

missed 24 hours earlier as

Frank Sibley, aged 42, the reserve-team coach and for-

mer manager of Queen's Park

Rangers and Walsall, was

appointed assistant to Pearson

in succession to the dismissed

Pearson, a roofing con-

tractor until he was appointed

a part-time schoolboy scout by

Tommy Docherty at QPR 20

years ago, accepted that his

elevation, rather than the

appointment of a more rec-

ognized managerial name, might cause a few ripples in

know me, people in football

know me; it is only people outside who won't. I'll be

managing the football club;

Frank will be doing the coach-

Tuesday leaves Steve Coppell's team to contest the southern

area final of the Zenith Data Systems Cup with Chelsea.

If Chelsea succeed against

Last year Carlisle United were

City, their closest rivals, at

Brunton Park, more com-prehensively than the 1-0

manager of the club.

Frank McLintock.

football circles.

port into the Hillsborough

"Taylor said that 'now is the moment for the fullest re-assessment of the policy of the game'," Sandford said. "What 2 challenge!"

It is one he is clearly determined to push shead with, and he is already devising a streamlining of the League's anwieldy decisionmaking processes for next ments with local authorities month's management committee meeting. It is obvious that Sandford is not one to let the grass grow under his feet, even though he is traditionalist enough to believe that that their town or city."

FOOTBALL

Chief scout jumps

to prominence as

Millwall manager

runners-up to Liverpool in the

championship in 1976, to

Burr said yesterday that

Pearson was a motivator, and

most of the Millwall players

were his signings. "He is

Millwall through and

Pearson, who was chief scout at Brentford with

Docherty after leaving QPR.

has been at Millwall for 15

years as youth development officer and, latterly, as chief

scout. He first signed Paul Goddard, Millwall's record

buy from Derby County at

£800.000, as a schoolboy when

he was with QPR.

Pearson said the invitation

for him to take over as

tion in accepting. "I was quite

taught the players today.

There was always the element

Pearson said he would sit in

chairman, called on Pearson, who has served under 14 "I'm a little bit nervous, if the managers, and Sibley, who was assistant to Dave Sexton would like to think we will protect my family life."

content doing what I was son's recommendation.
doing," he said. "But I have "If somebody had so

appointing from within.

through," Burr said.

ensure continuity — in the Arthur Rowe was the man-style of Liverpool — by ager, but I am making no

promises.

whip in the job."

has achieved."

Bob Pearson, the Millwall at QPR, when they finished

"What can I say if people manager after Docherty's dis-ask, 'Bob who?'," Pearson missal had come as a shock, said. "The fans at Millwall but he had shown no hesita-

ing 100 per cent. I was asked to of the unknown in bringing

do the job; I have never someone in from outside, but

Reg Burr, the Millwall the stands during matches, but hairman, called on Pearson, would still make decisions.

applied for a position in my they know me,"

"I hope by the year 2000 every club will be playing in modern grounds with excellent should be the focal point of the community's sports complex.

"I believe the 1990s will be the time when there are a lot of major ground improvements and initiatives. Joint arrangebelieve the imaginative ones will see the opportunities and get involved to provide facil-ities to benefit the whole of

football, like the old Spurs

team of the 1950s, when

"Although we have only 13

matches to play, and it is going

to be a close-run race. I'm sure

I will get a fair crack of the

Pearson nominated George Graham, the Arsenal man-

ager, and formerly of Millwall,

as an outstanding manager he

had worked with. "He is

single-minded, he knows what

he wants and won't let anyone

stand in his way," he said. "It

is no surprise to me what he

Pearson's previous man-agerial experience has been

limited to running Slouth

Rockets, a junior team, and

briefly taking over at Millwall after Graham left and before

Docherty arrived - on Pear-

me, 'You will be manager of

Millwall', a few months ago, I

would have said they were barmy," Pearson added. "I

had no ambitions in that

direction, but I'm not fright-

ened of it. It will change my

The Football Association is

attempting to talk the country's police forces out of demands that next season 10 or 11 day

intervals be left between drawn

FA Cup ties and replays, rather

than three or four days.
If that happened, a shortage of

"If somebody had said to

A figure of £130 million has been quoted, but he insisted that that was for the minimum conceivable improvements, and that if his vision of the future was to be realized the cost would be "three or four times that amount".

Sandford recognizes that football will have to foot the bill to a large extent, but he also insisted that the obstacles being met from some local authorities at the moment would have to be removed, if necessary by Government acthe Government that they have

under no illusions about the sequences of their decision to football at the time. In 1888 cost involved, or the obstacles enforce all-seater stadiums the clubs were the League. Is which stand in football's way, will either be substantial that the right model today in redevelopment of existing the days of television, sponsorgrounds or abandoning them and realizing their commercial value and then going to build on new sites. There must be a presamption in favour of plan-

> But if ground improvements are understandably a major preoccupation in the current climate, they are not Sandford's only one. Drawing inspiration from the founder of the Football League, William McGregor, Sandford said: "In 1886 McGregor had a vision of how to bring order out of the

The new chief executive is to accept the inevitable con- chaos which was professional ship, franchising and I hope increasingly marketing?

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"If we were starting today we would go for a different model, but we are not starting ning permission for that to with a blank sheet and believe that some of McGregor's vision is still relevant today."

He cited the undeviating fixture list, his barbed comment suggesting that when the television contract was renegotisted television's ability to play ducks and drakes with the original fixture list may not be part of a new contract.

STUDENT GAMES



Invitations in stainless steel

athletes to next year's World Student Games in Sheffield was attended by the city's Lord Mayor, Councillor Tony Damms (above, right), senior councillors and members of Universiade GB Ltd, the organizers of the Games (Peter

managers, and Sibley, who was assistant to Dave Sexton would like to think we will brotect my family life."

Chelsea may face

Middlesbrough

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pear.
David Foggin, the marketing director of the company, who has just returned from a world-

television contracts, is expected to provide the Games with a further lift today when details of his progress in negotiations are Each of the invitations co

tained an application form and instructions in English and French and the £15,000 cost of the operation — printing, production of the stainless steel plate and mailing — has been met by the sponsorhsip of the companies involved, including Datapost International. The in-vitations will go out in three separate mailings over the next

programme to construct the impressive array of sporting facilities for the Games, underwritten by Sheffield City Council, is proceeding on time, with the Princess Royal, patron of the

ping-out cereatony at the Ponds Forge swimming complex early

Yesterday Peter Price, deputy leader of the council and chair-man of Universiade, said: "The sending out of the invitations marks the first official communication between the City of Sheffield and the student sporting bodies of the world and it will remain a significant we should all endeavour to remember."

wo weeks. ficials are due to descend on The £147 million building Sheffield for the 12-day event in July next year, which is being used to spearhead the city's drive for economic regeneration and environmental improvements in some of its most depressed and randown areas.

ATHLETICS

International date for McColgan

Lynne McIntyre.

time, compounded by an in-evitable fixtures backlog, would result in the FA being forced to consider deciding ties by penalty Liz McColgan, the Common-wealth 10,000 metres champion, will run for Great Britain in the Dairy Crest indoor inter-national against East Germany at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on February 23 (a Special Corres-

shoot-outs. The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) has complained that the custom of replaying on the Tuesday or Wednesday after the Saturday pondent writes).

McColgan has been selected match did not leave them with to compete in the 3,000 metres and will partner Bev Nicholson, SCULTLY.

a All FA Cup Sith-round vaplays will be February 21 (7.30pm unless stated): Aston Villa v Weet Bromwich Albion; Barnsley v Sheffield United, Cambridge United v Bristol City (7.45); Everton v Oldnam; Manchester United v Newcastle (8.00); CPR v Blackpeton (7.45); Rochdele v Crystal Palace; Southempton v Liverpool. of England, who won a bronze in the 1,500 metres in Auckland, shead of Yvonne Murray. The team has quite a strong

Scottish representation. Brian Whittle, who finished fourth in the Commonwealth Games 800

metres but won a silver medal in the 4 x 400 metres, his leg being the fastest on the day, will run the shorter distance in Glasgow, metres champion, Peter Elliott, is due to run against McKean and sprinters Linford Christie and Marcus Adam are among other Commonwealth Games medal winners due to compete. Two other Scottish girls have been added to the 1,500 metres. Karen Hutcheson, who just missed out on a medal in Auckland, will team up with

Hurdlers honoured Colorado Springs (Reuter) — The US Olympic Committee has named Roger Kingdom and Sandra Farmer-Patrick, the hur-Tom McKean, who indicated earlier in the week that he would run in the match, will make his indoor debut this Saturday in dlers, as its athletes of the year,

while Mike Barrowman and Janet Evans were honoured as

the leading swimmers.

Scotland's international against Belgium, Ireland and Norway, also at the Kelvin Hall. SNOW REPORTS

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SOUT: vertical rums, 2400ft. Upper rums all complete, new snow. Lower rums complete, new snow. Lower rums complete, new snow. Chelifits and tows all closed yesterday as area was closed. Forecast: There will be sunny intervals and snow showers; the showers will be most widespread over Associal flor and Glaecee there will be gold of source the Lackt and Carisgorm as well but they should be fairly isolated over. Glenshee: between the showers there will be good breaks in the cloud but during them the base will be well down the mountains. It will going to be a cold day with the freezing level between 1000ft and 1500ft and 15 tomorrow: Extractive it looks use a dry start but rain preceded by steet or snow will spread from the south during the attemport: a fresh northwest wind will ease then back southeasterly and become strong with the rain later.

Information supplied by the Scottleh Meteorological Office.

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bergs and whales Surrounded by icebergs and cloistered in a damp, cold, spray-ridden capsule, we thought that our week, during which two yachts have hit whales, had been momentous

Smith

LAWRIE SMITH, the captain of Rothmans, sends his third report as the Whitbread Round the World fleet heads across the Southern Ocean towards Punta del Este in

Thankfully, we carry spare sails for just such an eventuality. Some quick work from the crew, however helped save the remnants, which are now back in one piece and ready to rehoist should the spare sails also blow out. There is little chance of this happening in the short term.

The stormy conditions have been replaced by light fickle winds that could well lead to some dramatic place-changing during the next 48 hours.

The change has recognited us

The change has prompted us to edge north from 59°S towards the warmer conditions 60 miles to the north where we hope to experience better winds. Ice-bergs and whales are now the greatest threat. I've now seen enough of them to last a lifetime. We are picking up the big bergs on radar, but the growlers, like the whales, remain

We now have one man standing by the mast on point duty throughout, while Vincent Geake, our navigator, keeps a constant vigil on the radar screen. Despite this, we have still had some near misses, the most frightening being last week when Paul Standbridge caught sight of a 60ft whale basking in the trough of a wave that Rothmans was surfing down. We missed it – just – but only because of Paul's quick re-actions at the wheel. Despite our

drive to the north, it remains intensely cold. Thanks to some special boot liners provided by our mountaineering friend, Hamish Hamilton, we are not suffering as badly as we did during the second stage, when it took three weeks for us to recover any feeling in our feet. Below decks, however, the condensation caused by the

Merit, the winds came in surges, dropping as low as 40 knots before blasting in again at 55.

It made it very difficult to decide which sails to have up, and led to the head blowing out and like myself who have never seen losing the clew from our 1.50z this notorious turning point, it medium spinnaker. this notorious turning point, it will be a momentous occasion.

distance that divided the two

New Zealanders dispute the lead

Only 11 miles divided Peter Patrick Tabarly's leading di-Blake's leading challenger, vision 3 yacht. Yesterday, Steinlager 2, from Grant Dal-Maiden had closed the gap to ton's rival ketch, Fisher & within 39 miles, halving the distance that divided the two yachts a week ago.

LEADING POSTIGNS (compiled at 14:04 GMT yesterdsy with miles to Purit dell Estel: Maxi division: 1, Steinlager 2 (P Blake, NZ), 3,142 miles; 2, Fisher & Payket (G Dalton, NZ), 3,153; 3, Robinsans (L Smith, GB), 3,204; 4, UBF Firstend (L Ingval, Fin), 3,245; 5, Charles Jourdan (A Gabbay, Fr), 3,282; 6, Merit (P Felhingari, Switz), 3,253; 7, Marcial OF (M Whiteri, Fin), 3,345; 8, Beimont Finland (H Hartdmo, Fin), 3,345; 9, Fazisi (S Novek, USSR), 3,358; 10, NCS Ireland (J English, Irel, 3,375; 11, Fortune (J Santana, So), 3,386; 12, Santouse British Defender (Cdr C Westons, GB), 3,400; 13, The Card (R Nison, Swe), 3,452; 14, Gatorade (G Fack, In, 3,448; 15, Liverpool Enterprise, (B Selmon, GB), 3,525; Division 2 1, L'Esprit de Liberté (P Tabarly, Fr), 3,570; 2, Malden (T Gowards, GB), 3,919; 3, Schlussel von Bremen (R Persch, WG), 3,562; 4, Le Posts (B Melle, Fr), 4,020; 5, Rucanor Sport (B Dubole, Bel), 5,512; Cultising division; GB), 3,770; 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 3,700.

© Information provided by British Telecom. Paykel, yesterday as the two New Zealand yachts continued to trade places at the front of the Whitbread Round the World

Early yesterday, it was Fisher & Paykel, whose crew was breaking ice off the decks of its yacht, which was now down to 61 S, that held an eight-mile lead, but five hours later, the satellite picture showed Steinlager, 150 miles to the north, to have edged 11 miles closer to Cape Horn.

Sixty-two miles astern, Rothmans, which set the fastest Rotinmans, which set the fastest average speed between satellite passes, was being challenged for third place by Ludde Ingval's Finnish sloop, UBF Finland, which, after pulling up from sixth place, had got within 11 miles of Lawrie Smith's British spects.

Merit, Pierre Fehlmann's Swiss maxi, which led the fleet during the early stages of this leg from Auckland, fell back to sixth place overnight, highlight-ing the ever-changing wind pat-terns which were affecting all the

Maiden continued to claw back miles and a best day of 300 the miles on L'Esprit de Liberté, miles.

leading yachts.
Seven hundred miles astern,
Tracy Edwards and her crew on

spraying through the hole in the cockpit floor of his catamaran, Alisun J&B, Henk de Velde. the Dutch solo sailor, continues in his quest to break the roundthe-world record. Yesterday, 700 miles south of Perth, Australia, the Dutchman was celebrating a week's run of 1,850

South Atlantic calm

Five of the eight competitors still racing officially in the Globe Challenge singlehanded non-stop round-the-world race have rounded Cape Horn (Malcolm McKeag writes).
Pierre Follenfant, in Charente

Maritime-TBS, a cutter-rigged 60-footer with a psychedelic paint scheme, passed the Horn early yesterday in an almost flat

Some 300 miles ahead, about 180 miles south-east of the Falklands, Philippe Jeantot, in his Credite Agricole, also experiencing light winds, was engaged in making repairs.

Jeantot has experienced con-

tinuing problems with the mainboom of his yacht. This is the third time he has had to rebuild the gooseneck fitting, the large universal joint which connects the horizontal boom to The sleigh-ride conditions of strong following winds, which for two months have allowed the contestants regularly to log up to 280 miles a day, are nov

Braving the jets of cold water

The leader. lamazou, is already into the light wind zone of the South Atlantic high, less than 6,000 miles from France and home.

The battle is now almost as much between the shore-based weather routers, who daily brief the yachtsmen, as between the sailors themselves.

Lamazou and Jean-Luc Van Den Heede are heading to skirt the high to the east, while in third place Loick Peyron, 277 miles behind Lamazou, is gambling on a direct route through and hoping to find strong winds from a depression developing off South America.

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SPEED SKATING Horsepool to miss tilt at world crown

Stuart Horsepool, who caused the shock of the British speed skating championships last weekend by beating the double Olympic champion Wilf O'Reilly, has pulled out of the Europa Cup and the world championships.

Horsepool, aged 27, who works on the family farm in Nottinghamshire, cannot afford the time away to compete in the cup event in Rheims, from February 23 to 25, or the nships, in Amsterdam Instead, O'Reilly, from Sut-ton Cokhield, who finished second to Horsepool in Hull last weekend, will head the British





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boosted his goal's tally to 21 with two, while McInerney added the third.

fears about the team's calibre proved correct as Orient won 3-

Stocknort County consolidated their promotion cam-paign with a 3-0 triumph at York City, rivals for elevation to the third division. Angell

If Chelsea succeed against Crystal Palace, the scene will be set for a repeat of the 1988 second division play-off final against Middlesbrough, who beat Aston Villa to win the Zenith northern final. Middlesbrough beat Chelsea to gain promotion, but have been relegated, while Chelsea have returned to the first division.

their goals coming in a 15-minute spell, and four of them

facing relegation to the GM Vauxhall Conference, but are contemplating promotion to the third division. On Tuesday, Carlisle, the League's most northerly club defeated Exeter Darlington regained the leadership of the GM Vauxhall Conference with a 6-1 success over Boston United, with five of

FOR THE RECORD BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA): New York Kricks 114, Allanta Hawks 109; Detroit Pistons 108, Denver Nuggets 98; Indiana Papers 129, Chariotis Hernits 105; Chiesgo Bulle 107, Nilemi Heet 95; Boston Califos 107, Houston Rocksts 94; Dellas Idsvericts 103, San Antonio Spurs 98; Utah Jezz 110, Manteota Timber Wolves 104 (OT); Portland Trail Bizzars 110, Seattle SuperSonics 106; Promiss Suns 118, Los Angeles Clippers 96; Sacramento Kings 106, Washington Bullets; 98. SLALON LAGER ALLIANCE: Hull Kingstor Rovers 18, Swinton 10; St Halens 10, Hull 22

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Stinging attack made on King

Tyson and Don King as the sport's turmoil continued in the wake of James "Buster" Douglas's defeat of Tyson on Sunday for the world heavyweight championship in

president of the junior champ-ionship committee of the WBA and personal adviser to the WBA president, Gilberto batted with inhibited sus-terior president of the junior champ-and here, on a sluggish pitch discouraging stroke-play, they batted with inhibited sus-Mendoza, delivered his criticism as he arrived in Scotland for the world junior light-welterweight championship in which, until now had been Glasgow on Monday.

Cohen said: "King says that I was his mentor but I never taught him to do the things he gets up to. The business of tity, smarter even than Grational agreements is bad for expect. boxing and I think King has

taken advantage of the sport.
"When he first started, he

Cohen was equally dismisthe tenth round by Douglas on think Tyson will come back from that defeat. The myth of now will do a job on him.

"It didn't surprise me that he lost. He is a strong kid but | Lewis had no time to fret over not a smart fighter. Bonecrusher Smith, Frank Bruno | tion and delivered seven tidy and now Douglas have proved he cannot take a punch . . . and Douglas is not a great

"When Don King took over Tyson, he put mediocre men in Tyson's camp. He took him out on the banquet trail and didn't train him properly. of DeFreitas, a persistent of-Now they are both paying the

Cohen will be the supervisor for the WBA contest at the St Andrews Sporting Club between Timmy Burgess of New York, the holder, and Bozon Haule, a London-based

Pat Barrett, the British lightwelterweight champion, was given a severe reprimand vesterday for his part in a deception involving a banned boxer competing under an

The controversy involved overs left. chester, who lost his licence in his left eye. But six years later, he returned in Scotland under

The board has withdrawn the licence in Dore's name and suspended the manager, Alex Morrison, of Glasgow, for a year. Morrison, also manager of Barrett, was fined

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England back in the swim

From Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent Trinidad

Like fish returned to water A leading official of the World Boxing Association (WBA) yesterday attacked Mike man benefit and box King as the man returned to water after floundering helplessly on dry land, England reacted gratefully to their favourite environment when the five-yesterday attacked Mike man benefit and box King as the man at the series of one-day internationals began at Queen's Park Oval yesterday.

They may have the capacity to lose almost to any oppo-sition in the longer game, but give England an overs limit and they are a different team. Tokyo.

Marty Cohen, aged 92. The West Indies have suffered before from this phenomenon picion to total only 208 for eight from their 50 overs.

The England out-cricket, plagued by misdirected bowling, a series of missed catches and a surfeit of no-balls, suddenly adopted a new iden-

Gooch himself did everything right, from winning an "When he first started, he important toss to handling his did boxing some good, but his attack with sense and preego eventually got the better of him and, as far as I'm concerned, he has destroyed Mike he returned to the most economical figures of the six bowiers used, all of whom sive of Tyson, knocked out in | conceded substantially fewer than five runs an over.

England even turned a prematch disruption to advantage. DeFreitas twisted a knee Iron Mike is broken and during exercise and had to whoever goes in against him withdraw, his place going to the recently-arrived Chris Lewis. On his 22nd birthday, this improbably swift elevaovers, taking the valuable wicket of Haynes. Not the least of England's

encouragement was that they gave the opposition only four bonus deliveries, of which just one, bowled by Lewis, was a no-bail. Although the absence fender, did them no harm in this respect, the attention given to the problem during practice was fully justified.

The crowd, growing to impressive proportions during the course of the morning, was unusually subdued as the West Indies, with 20 wins from their last 21 such games at home, progressed at an unaccustomed crawl.

For all the virtues of the bowling, however, Viv Richards was surely guilty of batting too low at No. 6, and it But John Morris, general also seemed misguided of him secretary of the British Boxing to promote two low-order Board of Control, would not hitters ahead of the accomenlarge on Barrett's role in the plished Dujon, who finally entered at No. 9 with only six

1982 because of a cataract in shortly after a ceremony to rename a grandstand in hon-our of Jeffrey Stollmeyer, the the assumed name of Tony former West Indies captain, who died from gunshot wounds when his Trinidad home was burgled last

> The match began with one Barbadian, Small, bowling to another, Greenidge, who drove the third ball of the More boxing, page 46 game regally for four. Later, overs.

Scoreboard WEST HOUSES
G Greenidge o Stewart b Capel
L Haynes o Russell b Lowis
P Richards on o Stewart b Fraser ...
L Hooper o Salth b Hennings
A Riset or and b Good ...
A Richards b Swall ...
A Mosety or Lowis b Fraser
D Marshell b Small ...
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Total (8 wids, 50 overs) . Watsh did not bat. C A Westsh did not lost. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-49, 3-89, 4-100, 5-155, 6-162, 7-172, 8-180. BOWLING: Small 10-1-41-2 (w 1); Fraser 10-1-37-2: Capel 6-0-25-1 (w 1); Lewis 7-1-30-1 (m) 1, w 1); Henralings 9-0-41-1; Gooch 8-0-25-1. ENGLAND

we were to have Lewis bowling to Hooper, one Guyanan

That early blow apart, the batsmen could make little of the disciplined length maintained by both Small and Fraser. Only nine runs accrued from six overs before Haynes, visibly fidgety, stepped out to swing Fraser for

six over mid-wicket.

Greenidge perished to a quite brilliant catch by Stewart, leaping in goalkeeper style to clutch the ball above his head at mid-wicket. On the same score of 49, Haynes jabbed unconvincingly at a ball wide of off-stump and Russell did the rest with quiet

Hemmings, introduced for the 23rd over with a predomi-nantly leg-side field, began with an off-side long hop, which Richardson did not waste. The off-spinner quickly atoned, tempting Hooper into successive sweeps, the second of which looped off the top edge to Smith at short fine leg. It was not until Gooch had

plunged athletically to a return catch offered by Best that Richards deigned to appear. By then, at 100 for four, he had a repair job at hand. For a man who has played virtually no competitive cricket for a year, he looked in swaggeringly good touch, twice depositing Hemmings for six and making 32 off a stand worth 55 before the recalled Small bowled him as he tried

Moseley, on his West Indies debut, was casually caught by Lewis on the long-on boundary; Richardson, just past a dogged 50, misjudged the pace of the pitch against Fraser; Marshall was bowled having an outright slog. At 180 for eight in the 45th over the West Indies were no certainty to see out their allotment, but Dujon and Bishop restored calm and

added 28 precious runs. LOI E breakfast hour of 9.35am, more than half done. These West Indian bowlers can make even a modest score seem unasszilable and both Marshall and Bishop launched themselves with bristling purpose. Larkins was an early casualty, caught at second slip as he drove at Marshall, and when the grey skies finally gave some steady rain and drove the players off, England had managed only 26 from 13



English XI offered England touring chance to pull out

Johannesburg — David all very disappointed about Graveney and Mike Gatting. the tour being cut short, and the leaders of the English XI in South Africa, have revealed cricketing sense." that they offered their players the chance to opt out of the shortened tour itinerary (Agencies report).

In a team meeting, the English cricketers were also asked by Graveney and Gatting about how they felt concerning the planned second tour to South Africa next

Graveney said yesterday that he had specifically asked the two questions before a press conference on Tuesday, which was called by the South African Cricket Union to explain the decision to cut short the controversial tour itical reasons.

"I wanted to have their answers to those two questions before we went to the press conference," Graveney, the player-manager, said. "As a team, they said they had no regrets about accepting the invitation to come here.

"Everyone wanted to get on and play the four rescheduled one-day internationals, and everyone was keen to come back again next year. They are

with Neath, the Welsh cham-

recovered from a knee opera-

tion which prevented him

the club £6,000 in sponsorship

sold for the existing home

Nottingham happy

about Cusani ban

By a Special Correspondent

Nottingham have welcomed Saturday against Wales at

Orrell's decision to ban Twickenham as has the Charles Cusani for two hooker, Brian Moore

matches after an incident in Steve Pilgrim returns after

the Pilkington Cup fourth-injury for Wasps' home game

rday.

The Lancashire club chose pions, tomorrow (7.30). The England B full back recently

we all feel unfulfilled in a

Gatting repeated his comments that he had no regrets about abandoning his Test match career, for what has turned out to be a mere 16 days of cricket on the tour three days of which he has sat

"People might say it's been a fiasco, but I don't think that at all," Gatting, the English XI captain, said. "We all made a decision, and in my case which a lot of people forget - I had already decided to make myself unavailable to go to the West Indies this winter.

more tour with England, which would have been to Australia next winter. But there's no guarantee I would have been picked for the tour, anyway.'

The English players yes-terday travelled from Johannesburg to nearby Pretoria to practise under lights at the Verwoerdburg venue, which is staging the first oneday international against

John McGrath, the Preston North End manager, resigned last night, less than 24 hours

after Tuesday night's home defeat by Leyton Orient

plunged his club into the

relegation zone and sparked a

The demonstration fol-

lowed an organized protest

during the game, and a sit-in

which held up last Saturday's

match against Bristol Rovers

mass post-match demon-

stration.

players laid low

Players and officials on the after a couple of days of rest we will be back to full fitness." England A tour are scheduled Before leaving Kenya the to leave Kenya for Zimbabwe today, having shrugged off the worst effects of an outbreak of food-poisoning that caused the cancellation of vesterday's fixture against the Kenyan Cricket Association Chair-

Stomach upsets are a not uncommon hazard on cricket tours but it is rare for players to require hospital treatment. Yet Stephen Rhodes, the Worcestershire wicketkeeper, was detained in hospital on leaves," Bennett said. Tuesday night and seven of his colleagues received fre- that it will not prove to be

quent visits from a doctor at anything sinister that will Happily, within 24 hours, remainder of the tour." the players had recovered sufficiently to be able to look • Gloucestershire, who finforward to the main. Zimbab-

man has ben appointed in a ruary 3 - after their side's

wean leg of the tour. Bob Bennett, the team manager, said last night: "All of the players have shown considerable improvement after a relaxing day in the hotel. The biggest relief is that Rhodes is out of hospital and will be joining us on the plane tomor-

Beleaguered manager quits

By a Special Correspondent

temporary capacity."
McGrath was Preston's

16th manager since the war

and becomes the 19th League

manager to lose his job this

• West Bromwich Albion are

drawing up a battle plan to combat the Aston Villa fans

who have bought tickets ear-

marked for home supporters

for Saturday's FA Cup fifth-

went on sale on Monday and

were intended solely for Al-

The slip-up happened when

game against Oldham on Fcb- them."

bion supporters.

round tie at the Hawthorns.

team will receive results of hospital tests to identify the cause of the poisoning, which will determine if they need any further medical We still have not got much idea what might have caused

the illness, but we have all supplied the hospital with samples, and they have promised to let us know what the problem was before our flight "The doctors are optimistic

or impair our abilities for the

ished eleventh in the county championship last season, have reported a profit of £65,727 - the seventh year in succession they have made a

Subscriptions exceeded £100,000 for the first time thanks to a drive for business patrons. Gate receipts rose by row. We are confident that £8,300 to £64,000.

game at Queen's Park Rangers

At that game Albion handed

out vouchers for tickets for the

Cup tie, which will be a 28,000

sellout expected to generate

An Albion official said: "It

appears that a large number of

Villa supporters were given

vouchers when they attended

the game with Oldham.
"We know that Villa fans

have brought tickets with

these vouchers, but, if they are

not wearing claret and blue

scarves, how are we supposed

to know that they are Villa

turn them away. But, if Villa

fans are clearly identified in

the wrong part of the ground,

We were in no position to

was postponed.

record receipts.

supporters?

the world of cricket would be the better for it. I say that Living to regret choice to tour

As for the players who are here, when their names were announced last July I wrote that they were perfectly entitled, morally and pro-fessionally, to make the choice they had, though most of them would probably live to regret

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Doctor's

heart

in right

place

From John Woodcock

way in which it can be more

ewarding to travel than to

From Sydney to Johannes

burg was an awfully long way to come to be greeted with the news that the tour being undertaken by Mike Gatting and his cricketers from England had just been cut back from another 12 playing days

There will be no return to Newlands, no last pilgrimage to one of the loveliest grounds

There can be no doubt in anyone's mind that the cricket

on the tour had become an

irrelevance. Picked out as a

The decision to trim the

remaining itinerary to four

one-day games has to be seen

mainly as an exercise in

damage limitation, but also as

an acknowledgement that the

tour itself, for whatever rea-

Yet it is not in me to

condemn those who got it wrong. Dr Ali Bacher, whose

concept the tour was, is a man

of rare integrity, dedicated to the cause of non-racial cricket

in South Africa. If all dele-

gates to the International Cricket Council (ICC) were as

focus of protest, the very presence of the English play-ers in South Africa has been

to only four.

on earth.

auticipation of what has happened, for that, at the time, was scarcely more foreseeable than a flash flood might be, but because in many cases it seemed not to be in the players' own interests to make the tour.

Although they were to be identified, sincerely enough, with Dr Backer's vision, I am not museius enough to think that any of them were being even vaguely altruistic when they signed their contracts.

At the same time, the way had been cleared for them to play in South Africa, if they so wished, by the ICC early last year, albeit at a high cost to their own Test futures. Misguided they may have been, and cagey - but never contemptible.

Were they representing England, they would be in breach of the Gleneagles Accord; but they are not. Sporting teams of all ages and of every description come to South Africa - travelling, learning, but teaching and

fraternizing as they go. From budding boxers to geriatric golfers they do it, and long may they continue to. But fame carries its own responsibilities and risks, its own particular options and in the present case its unwelcome

consequences. Far from diverting attention from the English cricketers, as many had hoped it might and thought it would, the release of Nelson Mandela and the other concessions made recently by the South African Government have had the effect of silhouetting the tour as a continuing target for those bent upon protest.

Trouble not worth the risk of running

Trouble in Cape Town was always expected, being the especially volatile city it is, and now the potential scale of violence was far from worth the risk of running.

"It is our duty as responsible sports administrators to be sensitive to wider interests ... the time for compromise and reconciliation has arrived," Dr Bacher says, That alone, of course, is enough to have incurred the wrath of many to whom "capitulation" is lantamount to treason whites as well as non-whites.

The kind of compromise which the good doctor strives for will lead, if he has his way. to the unification of his own "South African Cricket Union" and the more politi-cally sensitive South African Cricket Board, which concerns itself exclusively with non-white cricket. If that should happen, a joyless expedition could be seen, in time, not to have been entirely unpro-

late challenge on the England from pressing for a full interfull back, Simon Hodgkinson, national cap earlier in the Villa supporters have bought some of the 3,500 extra for 35 minutes. Derek Allan, the Preston secretary, issued a statement from the Deepdale board and abruised nose. The Nottingham coach, Moseley's home draw Alan Davies, said: "We made against Bristol in the tickets available for the Birmingham Road End terrace and the Paddock which Pilkington Cup quarter-finals on February 24 has brought

which said that McGrath was leaving "without any animosity and with a mutually agreed settlement in respect of the

cancellation of his contract".

fixture against Headingley on that day. If Moscley had been Allan said: "The vacant position will be advertised but drawn away, the money would in the meantime Les Chap-

SPORT IN BRIEF

have been lost.

Setback to Sánchez

round tie at Beeston on Sat-

to take disciplinary action after studying film of Cusani's

which left him with a cut lip

no formal complaint but the

action that Orrell have taken

is excellent for the game because clubs should be seen

to be taking action."
Thankfully for England,
Hodgkinson has confirmed

his fitness for the game on

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, the French Open tennis champion and world No. 5. was beaten 6-3, 7-6 in Chicago by Linda Harvey-Wild, aged 18, who is in her first week as a

The American was ranked 154th in the world after quitting the amateur ranks.

Irish hosts Round one of the world motorcycle trials championships will be held over a course of rock, river and rougher terrain, at Gledalough, Co Wickow, on March 18, the first time Ireland has been host to the event. Further rounds will be in England, France, Luxembourg and Italy.



Sánchez: An early exit

Rackets target John Prenn and James Male, the British champions, will attempt to win the first Lacoste world doubles rackets title when they face the US Open champions, Neil Smith and Shannon Hazell, at Manchester tomorrow and in

London on Sunday.

Derby signing

Derbyshire County Cricket Club have signed the 22-yearold batsman, Tim O'Gorman, on a three-year contract. The Durham University law for the county last season.

Soviet nights England are to meet the Soviet Union in two badminton internationals, at Milton Keynes on March 5 and at Oldham the following night. The Soviet players will then compete in the Yonex All England championships at Wembley.

Record lineup

A record 64 countries have accepted invitations to take part in the world cross country championships at Aix-les-Bains in France on March 24. If Romania accept, the number will be 65.

Japanese flocking to boost Midlands golf

some Villa fans attended Al- then the police and stewards bion's second-division home will have the power to eject

Professional Golfers Association yesterday announced a record prize fund of £232,000 for the coming season.

included in the tournament schedule will be the inaugural Japanese Jaguar Classic Pro-Am at The Belfry, for which the sponsors will be flying in 90 playing guests from Tokyo and 20 from America. The £25,000, 54-hole event, to be played on July 29, 30, and 31, was a direct spin-off from last year's Ryder Cup match.

"The big attraction for the Japanese was to play the Ryder Cup course," Ron Smith, the secretary of the Midland PGA, said. "There's a possibility it could become an annual fixture on our l calendar, and even one of our

The Midland region of the Order of Merit events." The event will be equalled as the richest tournament on

the circuit by the Ping Pro-Scratch at Gainsborough in This year's four Order of Merit events, including the Midland Masters over 72 holes at Patshull Park in July. and the Midland Professional Championship at Forest of

Arden in August, carry total

prize-money of more than

£40,000, while the region's 32

pro-ams are worth in excess of £142.000. "There's no doubt that the Ryder Cup has given golf

sponsorship in the Midlands a major boost," Smith said. pitions. G 食食食食食 食食食食食食

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